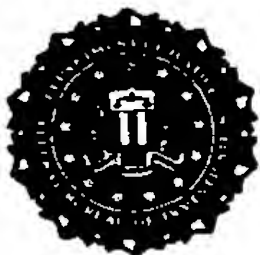


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March 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
MARCH-28, 1943

The following comments, which appeared to be of interest to the Bureau, were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. German Matters

German-American Bund Denaturalization Cases

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The Department of Justice is carrying on a series of counter attacks against the German American Bund and their members all over the nation. Nearly one thousand members of the Bund and their leaders are being prosecuted in denaturalization proceedings. The federal men were successful in New York City, Newark, Philadelphia, Fort Wayne and Los Angeles. Other cities where these Bund cases will be soon tried include San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, St. Paul, Louisville and Milwaukee. The next attack by the Department of Justice on these Bund members will be in Chicago on April 12th."

You will recall that denaturalization proceedings are going forward against certain members of the German-American Bund. At this time the proceedings, however, are being instituted against Bund leaders rather than members. Approximately sixty-five Bund leaders have been denaturalized to date, and at the present time proceedings are pending against approximately two hundred and ninety-five additional persons. It may be possible that approximately one thousand Bund members will be eventually denaturalized. However, proceedings are being instituted at this time only against the number set forth above. It is contemplated that the next cases to be presented in this matter will be presented in Chicago, although the Department has not as yet furnished the Bureau with the exact date of the presentment of these cases.

It will be noted that Mr. Winchell stated that these persons were being prosecuted in denaturalization proceedings. Since the denaturalization of an individual is a civil suit rather than a criminal case individuals are actually not being prosecuted but civil suits are entered against them.

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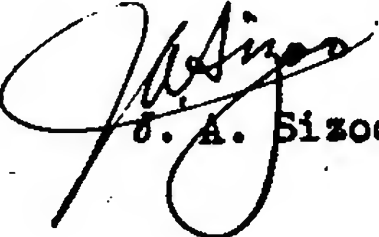
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2. Matters of General Interest

Award to the Attorney General

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The Italian-American Labor Counsel has awarded its first annual Four-Freedoms decoration to Attorney General Biddle. The presentation will be made by Mr. Justice Douglas on Jefferson's 200th anniversary at Carnegie Hall April 13th next."

Respectfully,

  
J. A. Sizoo

EAT:DS

March 25, 1943

Mr. Walter Mitchell  
235 East 45th Street  
New York, New York

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ON 9/27/84

Dear Walters:

Upon receiving your recent letter concerning [redacted] a bartender employed in the Stork Club, I initiated an immediate investigation for the purpose of determining all the facts in this situation. I was consequently considerably surprised to learn that you had furnished a copy of your letter to me about this situation to Mr. James Howe with the request that he bring it to the attention of the Attorney General. My concern about this matter is based primarily upon the fact that I have no way of knowing what action Departmental officials take upon such matters since it is not unlikely that in a case of this kind the letter might be referred by a Departmental official either to the Selective Service Board, to the Immigration and Naturalization Service since it is indicated that this man is a Canadian, or to some other agency. This naturally results in duplication and confusion which do not contribute to the prompt and efficient handling of such matters. I think, consequently, that it would be well for you in situations of this kind to either refer the matter direct to a Departmental official or to me, in order that there will be no misunderstanding as to who is going to take action upon a particular set of facts.

I know you will appreciate the motives which prompt me to make this suggestion.

Sincerely,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover  
Mailed by the Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 5, 1943

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find a letter which I have received from [redacted] together with Walter Winchell's column of April 2nd, which he has forwarded to my office for reply.

Are you in a position to advise me relative to the question propounded by [redacted] and that is why "conditions described in Winchell's column" are not taken care of?

I shall appreciate a reply, keeping in mind that I would like to transmit it directly to [redacted]

With kind regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

*Warren Barbour*

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Hon. Senator W. Warren Barbour  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator,

The enclosed clipping in this morning's newspaper, will no  
doubt, cause many citizens here in New Jersey, including myself, to wonder  
why these conditions exist, and nothing seems to be accomplished to clean  
them up.

Sincerely

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# Walter Winchell In New York

## A Reporter's Report to the Nation

Applicants for Military Intelligence are asked detailed questions not only about their own background, but also about their parents... Lt. Rudyard S. Uzzell's mother, Mrs. Mary Uzzell, held numerous German-American Bund meetings at her Jamaica home. She introduced Fritz Kuhn to General George Van Horn Moseley. At a Bund meeting held at her home on May 5, 1939, General Moseley, Fritz Kuhn and William Dudley Pelley were among the sterling patriots present. She was also active in the Ku Klux Klan, the anti-Semitic Paul Revere Sentinels and the fascist-minded "American Patriots"... Her son, now Lt. Uzzell, drove her around to some of her so-called patriotic meetings and acted as spokesman when the press came to ask about her Bund connections... After the press complained, Lt. Rudyard S. Uzzell was transferred from Military Intelligence, Third Corps Area, Baltimore, Md., to Chicago. But is he still in Intelligence, and is he still charged with the duty of protecting U. S. war secrets and morale?... Why?

*("The bomber crashed on a routine flight.")*

Bessie Burchett, ejected as a teacher from the Philadelphia school system for calling the President a "liar" and a "murderer," has enjoyed a long career as an un-American propagandist. She has been called Two Gun Bessie because she allegedly carried two revolvers to "defend herself"... On Feb. 17th, 1939, she was an honorary guest at a meeting in Philadelphia (held by the Hyffhaeuser Bund, a Nazi sponsored group of German war veterans), and swastika flags were displayed... Upon introduction to the meeting she greeted them with the Nazi salute. The Horst Wessel and other Nazi anthems were sung... Bessie Burchett is still wandering around as she pleases... Why is that?

*("Eleven of our planes failed to return.")*

A few months ago the newspapers spotlighted the expose of officials connected with the Romanoff Caviar Co. of New York... It was alleged that the firm was the backer of various Nazi agents and others who were indicted (some convicted) on seditious charges... It also was claimed that they held hands with some Washington legislators, including Cong. Ham Fish... The newspapers stated that the Romanoff Caviar officials would be probed... But time staggers on, and that case seems to have found a haven in someone's dusty pigeonhole... Why has it been hushed up?

*("They were adrift for 84 days.")*

The Dep't of Justice has requested Congress to pass the War Security Act, which will plug the legal loopholes that permit saboteurs and espionage agents to escape or get off with light terms... But this act is encountering bitter opposition by a legislator who yells for civil liberties of indicted and convicted Nazi tools... This same legislator has voted against many defense measures, attacked our allies and the Commander-in-Chief, and never bothered about the civil liberties of newspapermen when fellow-colons tried to suppress reporters... He is opposing this act, he says, on the ground that it might injure civil liberties of Americans... That patriot is Congressman Hamilton Fish.

*("Survivors were landed at an East Coast port.")*

The Constitutional Educational League was listed in the group of indictments of the 34 persons now awaiting trial in Federal Courts. The indictment described this League as "a tool for Nazi agents"... It is headed by Joseph P. Kamp, a propagandist, who distributes pamphlets attacking the Government, our allies and the war effort, as well as supporters of the Administration... Who supplies all the money for this? An example of Kamp's tactics may be found in a booklet published some time ago entitled "Department of Justice Memo—Strictly Confidential—from the Secret Files of the FBI"... This pamphlet is a phony. The information is not strictly confidential and it did not come from secret files of the FBI... It was printed, for all to see, in the pages of the Cong. Record for Sept. 24, 1942, on Page 7682... If this Constitutional Educational League is listed as a tool for Nazi agents in the current list of indictments, why is it allowed to continue distributing its snake oil? And what is the peculiar alliance between Kamp and Cong. Dies and others in Washington?... Why isn't something done about that?

*("The War Dep't regrets to inform you.")*

A few months ago, a Congressman announced on the floor of the House that William Drexel of Drechsel, a former German Lins executive, was one of the leading Nazi espionage agents in the U. S. ... Before a Congressional committee in 1934 the same man admitted to that group that he supplied \$125,000 bail for German agents. He also admitted in court that he owed his allegiance to Hitler (see Page 104 of "Sabotage!")... There have been many rumors and reports that the forces of law and order would do something about him—but nothing has happened... The whole serious matter has found a cemetery in the Congressional Record... Why?

*("He was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously.")*

George B. Fisher of Darien, Conn., is the man in whose home Federal men located William Dudley Pelley, now doing 15 years in Federal Prison... Pelley was charged with plotting against the country as leader of the Silver Shirts... It was stated at the time of Pelley's arrest that Fisher backed him in some of his activities and also went his bail... Fisher is a naturalized citizen—from Canada originally... He was serving his home town as an airplane spotter recently, and the patriots in his community tendered him the honor of enlisting him in the local Legion... His connection with Pelley is disregarded... Why's that?

*("...and so the sub must be presumed lost.")*

On December 18th, 1941, it was revealed that Juan March, described as a Fascist money-man, had financed three secret bases for U-boats in the Spanish Canary Islands. This was made known when U. S. Customs agents seized one of his freighters, allegedly filled with contraband... March's New York man, a ship broker named Jose Mayorga of Wall Street, was arrested and released on \$1,500 bail... At the time Federal men stated (remember the date—Dec. 18th, 1941) that "many more arrests would follow"... Cafe society circles were mentioned as one scene of activity... But since that time the whole startling expose took an express train to oblivion... There has been no trial, no arrests, no connection with cafe society, no nothing.

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Honorable W. Warren Harbo  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter,  
with which you enclosed a communication and a clipping  
received by you from [redacted]

With regard to the questions contained in your  
enclosure, I am sure you will realize that inasmuch as the  
information contained in the files of this Bureau is con-  
fidential and can be released only upon authorization of  
the Attorney General, the results of any investigation  
conducted by this Bureau cannot be furnished to [redacted]

However, should you communicate with [redacted]  
it is suggested you may desire to inform him that when in-  
formation is received indicating the possible violation of  
a Federal Statute within the investigative jurisdiction of  
the FBI, such matters are given prompt and appropriate con-  
sideration by this Bureau.

On the other hand, when the reported subversive  
activities of an individual fall within the jurisdiction of  
either the Military Intelligence Division or the Office of  
Special Intelligence because of employment or other reason,  
then the matter is immediately forwarded to the interested  
agency.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my expressions of appreciation for  
the interest which prompted you to forward the information  
enclosed with your letter cited, and I do hope that you will  
not hesitate to transmit in the future any data coming to  
the attention of the Bureau.

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Senator W. Warren Harbourn

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your attention which you feel would be of interest to this Bureau.

I am returning herewith [redacted] letter.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure *me*

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

This should have been sent to you several days ago.

I was sorry to hear of your illness--and happy to hear of

your recovery.

regards,

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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*Walter Winchell*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
(April 11, 1943)

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date.

I. GERMAN MATTERS

Merry Farney

Mr. Winchell stated:

"Buenos Aires, Argentina. An American heiress by the name of Merry Madcap Farney has been in the newspapers all over New York. This four time married woman is now charged with obtaining her divorce here, in Chicago, to fool the State Department, which she did, in her plan to get out of the United States. Miss Farney is now in Buenos Aires, where she told a P.M. reporter yesterday, 'I am not a Nazi spy. I am merely a fugitive from many American newspapers and Walter Winchell.' Well, I never said she was a spy. I said, however, many times, that she gave Nazis over here great comfort, and that she was usually seen with Nazi officials, and with men accused as being spies by our Government; that she was, and is, the very, very, dear, dear friend of a high Nazi official, formerly of the Embassy at Washington, and that she flaunted a gold swastika pin on her dress. Today, Miss Farney told newspapermen in Argentina that Walter Winchell helped chase her out of the United States. What the lady means is that some of us who fight the war behind the microphone also serve our country.

"Chicago. Neal B. Doors, the Assistant Vice-President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, says the Treasury Department has stopped withdrawals of money in Merry Farney's account in the United States. The Government

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says that Miss Farney divorced herself from her millions when she divorced her last husband in New York, a waiter in a Swedish restaurant. I hope they are tuning in in Buenos Aires. This is the nuts! Thank you."

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X Dies Committee Release

Mr. Winchell stated:

"On Tuesday next, Congressman Dies will release a report called 'The ~~X~~ Axis Front Movement in America.' This report, according to Mr. Dies, will name hundreds of people who are playing ball with the Nazis in the United States."

No information has been furnished to the Bureau by the Dies Committee as to the identity of the movement to which Mr. Winchell referred nor the "hundreds of people" who are reported to be acting for Nazi interests in the United States. It will be recalled that last fall information was received that Congressman Dies contemplated a release with reference to the Kyffhaeuser Bund in which he intended to take credit for the presentation of evidence relating to the Bund to the Grand Jury in Philadelphia. No release, however, was made. It will also be recalled that Congressman Voorhis, after his resignation from the Dies Committee, made statements that Dies had failed to disclose information developed concerning Nazi and Fascist activities, but had confined his releases to Communist activities and Mr. Voorhis' statements <sup>may</sup> have given rise to this release by Mr. Winchell.

## II. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU


Pending Legislation-War Securities Bill

Mr. Winchell stated:

"Washington, D. C. After a long and windy debate the important War Securities Bill passed the House, but certain members of the United States Senate are waiting for it with a great big club. They will employ the same line adopted by some members of Congress, to wit, that this Bill, allegedly hurts the Civil Liberties of all of us. Ladies and gentlemen, here are the facts of it. The War Securities Bill is designed only to strengthen the laws dealing with spies and saboteurs. It has the support of the Department of Justice which recommended it. It has the support of the State Department and the American Civil Liberties Union. That is a group which has a fine record fighting for Civil Liberties. The reason this new Bill was requested by our Government was the secret landing of those eight Nazi saboteurs last year. Hear this please! If those eight Nazi saboteurs had been tried in a Civil Court instead of a Military Court they would have gotten off with no more than two years in jail. How do you like that?"

It will be recalled that this Bill was drawn by Mr. Fahy of the War Division of the Department and submitted to the Bureau in 1942, prior to its presentation to Congress. The progress of the Bill is being closely followed by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

  
J. A. Sizoo

April 7, 1943

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigations,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A mother with boys in the service, I am asking these questions which I trust you will answer:

(a). Has Walter Winchell any official or non-official connection with the F. B. I.? More than once he has stated he is an undercover man.

(b). If not, how does he know so much about the inner workings of your bureau and the confidential matters in your files? (See enclosed clipping of April 7th).

Decent Americans have no respect for Winchell. His proper element is in the night clubs getting sexy tid-bits to spill into the homes of America.

We still remember his branding of Sen. David I. Walsh of Mass. as the owner and habituate of a house of prostitution in Brooklyn; also his radio declaration of the false tips put out by the F. B. I. as to the whereabouts of Churchill and Pres. Roosevelt with the result that the information was transmitted to the Nazis within 24 hours and 22 arrests made and many more, some of them high government officials to follow, and a lot of other imaginary occurrences along similar lines. Psychopathic or not, we are convinced this man has done more to promote disunity than a thousand paid Nazi agents.

We do not want to believe that any responsible official of government would employ a man of this type nor give him access to files or confidential matters. We hope we are right.

With every good wish,

Very truly yours,

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# Walter Winchell In New York

## *The Private Papers of a Cub Reporter*

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WALTER WINCHELL

IN NEW YORK

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Dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to your communication dated April 7, 1943, in which you requested advice as to whether Walter Winchell is connected with this Bureau in any capacity.

This is to inform you that Walter Winchell has no connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, either official or unofficial.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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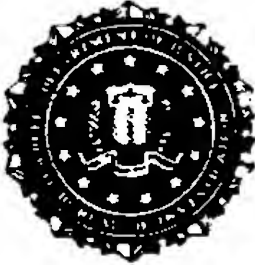
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
April 4, 1943

The following comments which appeared to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

1. ITALIAN ACTIVITIES

Italian Newspapers and Generoso Pope

Mr. Winchell stated:

"Washington. An all out drive on the Italian Fascist agents of the vermin press will start in about two weeks. The larger Italian newspapers whose American patriotism is beyond dispute are not involved."

With reference to the above remarks, it will be recalled that on February 28, 1943, Mr. Winchell stated that "the vermin press, especially the Italian Fascist press," was on the verge of a knockout by the Department of Justice, that denaturalization proceedings against Mussolini's stooges were to be followed by immediate internment. The activity against Italian newspapers referred to by Mr. Winchell is very likely that of the Special War Policies Unit, which Unit has requested information concerning two Italian newspapers, "The Italian News," published by P. A. Santosusso in Boston, Massachusetts, and "La Notizia," published by G. N. Longarini, also in Boston. It has been indicated by the Special War Policies Unit that information concerning these newspapers will be turned over to the postal authorities for the purpose of denying the use of second-class mailing privileges. The manner in which Mr. Winchell referred to "the larger Italian newspapers whose American patriotism is beyond dispute" appears to indicate that he was referring to the Generoso Pope papers, "Il Progresso Italo-Americano" and "Il Corriere." Information has reached the Bureau that a movement is on foot for the purpose of clearing Pope of any pro-Fascist reputation.

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2. DIVISION SIX MATTERS

Impersonation

Mr. Winchell stated:

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"New York. The lowest form of petty thief is being hunted by the New York Police and the Army Intelligence. He may show up in your city with his lowly racket. He preys upon the mothers, the wives or sweethearts of enlisted men by saying that he is from the soldier-relative's unit of the Army and that the son or husband or the brother needs \$25, he says, to make a last visit home before sailing overseas. Several families have been taken in by this swindler and he is still at large. Always remember the ABC's in this war, especially in this case. The ABC's -- Always Be Careful."

Several impersonation cases along the lines as suggested by Mr. Winchell above have been reported to the Bureau and are now under investigation. From the identifying data furnished, the particular case to which he referred has not been identified. It might be noted that a very similar news article appeared in the New York Daily Mirror dated April 3, 1943, in which the swindler is said to use the name "Sergeant Gallagher." Appropriate inquiries will be instituted concerning the activities of this individual.

3. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

Mr. Winchell stated:

"Washington. As far back as 1938 this reporter attacked the indifference of the nation's law makers to the fact that spies and saboteurs had infected this country. Every Sunday night over this network and many times in various newspapers this reporter kept yelling for action against the armies of enemies who were trying to turn America over to Hitler. From the highest places in the United States Senate and opposition newspapers came a recent reward: ridicule, condemnation, name calling, in which I was called hysterical, an alarmist, warmonger and FBI stooge. Many of these hecklers, as you know, even tried to discredit me and have me thrown off the air. But it is all now official, ladies and gentlemen -- it is all now very official. The Japs and the Nazis, it seems, have reestablished a network of spies all over our nation. Really, this is true. The source is Rear Admiral H. C. Train of Naval Intelligence."

Respectfully,

*J. A. Sizoo*  
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March 8, 1943

Dear John

Replying to your letter of March 2nd, after I sent you the information about the threat against the person of the President, I released the info. to Pa Watson, who had the Secret Service get in touch with me almost immediately. I have all sources, etc., which I gave them.

The tip I gave on the Stork Club's [redacted] brought results nine months later.

regards

*Walter*

Walter Winchell

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
(April 18, 1943)

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. GERMAN MATTERS

Dies Committee Release

Mr. Winchell stated: "On Friday last Congressman Martin Dies officially announced his long awaited report on the Nazi movement in the United States. He called it a diabolical scheme of Hitler for spreading Nazism throughout the world. The Dies reports also said that even before 1938 many of the legitimate German societies over here had already been diverted to the cause of Nazism--such organizations, said Mr. Dies, as the German American Bund and the Kyffhauser Bund. This reporter thanks the Dies Committee for finally confirming the same charges as exposed over this network since 1933. It only remains now for Mr. Dies and his committee to name the Americans who helped them."

A copy of the Dies Committee release has been obtained and is now being reviewed. It concerns generally the activities of German consular and diplomatic officials, German organizations and various individuals. The report is now being reviewed and a complete summary is being prepared for the Director's information, setting forth the information contained in the Bureau's files concerning all the organizations and individuals mentioned in this release.

II. INTERNAL SECURITY MATTERS

General Van Horn Moseley

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Mr. Winchell stated: "I recently reported in the newspapers that General George Van Horn Moseley, retired, attended a meeting of pro-Nazis and Bund members in New York before Pearl Harbor. The General, in a letter to my editor on the Atlanta Journal, denies ever attending such a gathering and he criticizes my accuracy. I wish now to call the attention of the Atlanta Journal and the General to the source of that statement -- in the book entitled THE FIFTH COLUMN IN AMERICA published by the reputable firm of Doubleday Doran."

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III. DIVISION SIX MATTERS

War Fraud Cases

Mr. Winchell stated: "One of the biggest war fraud cases is expected to break all over the nation's front pages in about two weeks. Top government prosecutors are already on their way to the Buckeye State."

*Refer to Army  
Free Press  
Wright Field  
Columbus  
Ky*

It was impossible to determine the exact case or cases to which Mr. Winchell referred. It was believed, however, that he was referring to several cases which are now under investigation by the Bureau at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. Indictments have been returned in these cases and it is contemplated that they will be going to trial in the near future. It is therefore believed that Mr. Winchell was referring to the Wright Field cases.

Impersonation

Mr. Winchell stated: "A few Sunday nights ago your correspondent gave added circulation to the cheap racket of the swindler who calls himself Sergeant Gallagher, which is not his name. This so and so, ladies and gentlemen, preyed upon the families of men in uniform, men in service I mean, by telling the families that he represented the soldiers' relatives' unit and that the son or father or husband needed \$25 to enjoy a last visit with his family before sailing overseas. I am happy to report now that Sergeant Gallagher, who is really Edward J. Hoffman, is behind bars at Camp Upton, thanks to the alert MP's of the U. S. Army. He will be in the line-up at New York Police Headquarters for review by victims next Tuesday."

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Respectfully,

*J. A. Sizoo*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I have reviewed the attached memoranda prepared with respect to a number of matters mentioned by Mr. Walter Winchell in his Daily Mirror column of April 2. In some instances these matters are under current investigation by the Bureau and I think that we should endeavor to complete our investigative inquiries as promptly as possible in order to finally conclude these matters.

In other instances, the matters referred to are not within the Bureau's jurisdiction. I believe it would be desirable to prepare a letter to Mr. Winchell briefly referring to each of the cases mentioned by him and explaining our position with respect to each case. I believe that this could be handled in a confidential communication without disclosing anything to Mr. Winchell in these cases which might prove to be embarrassing.

Clyde Tolson

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# Walter Winchell

## In New York

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*Please let me have report on each of these at once.*

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*("Survivors were landed at an East Coast port.")*

The Constitutional Educational League was listed in the group of indictments of the 34 persons now awaiting trial in Federal Courts. The indictment described this League as "a tool for Nazi agents"... It is headed by Joseph P. Kamp, a propagandist, who distributes pamphlets attacking the Government, our allies and the war effort, as well as supporters of the Administration... Who supplies all the money for this? An example of Kamp's tactics may be found in a booklet published some time ago entitled "Department of Justice Memo—Strictly Confidential from the Secret Files of the FBI"... This pamphlet is a phony. The information is not strictly confidential and it did not come from secret files of the FBI... It was printed, for all to see, in the pages of the Cong. Record for Sept. 24, 1942, on Page 7682... If this Constitutional Educational League is listed as a tool for Nazi agents in the current list of indictments, why is it allowed to continue distributing its snake oil? And what is the peculiar alliance between Kamp and Cong. Dies and others in Washington?... Why isn't something done about that?

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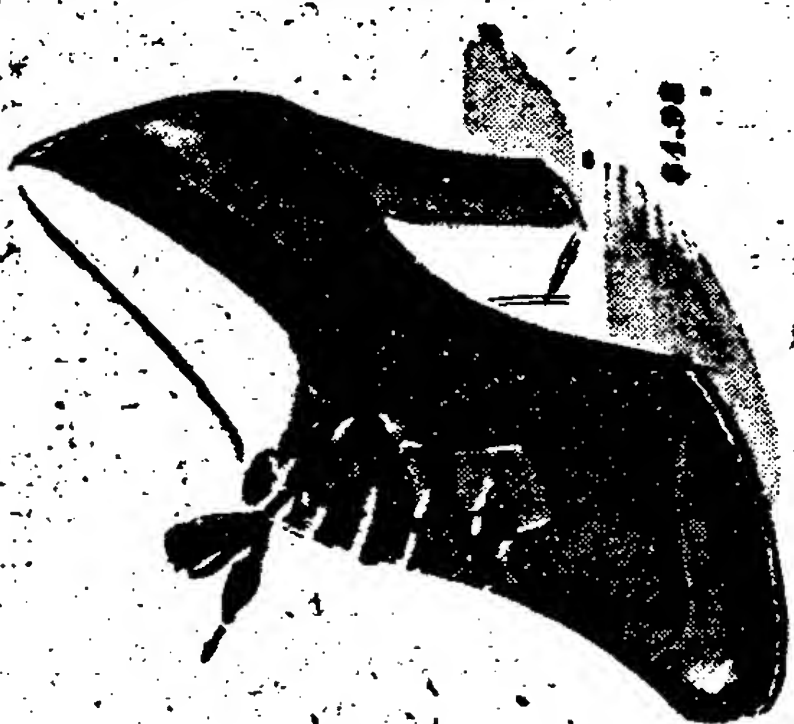
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## Bogus Naval Officer Gets Year in Jail

Armed with Naval credentials obtained by fraud, Rudolph Kloepfel, 38, an officer in the Merchant Marine, convinced a Navy ensign in charge of a gun crew that he was his superior and gave commands which might have endangered the lives of all aboard ship.

These charges were made yesterday by Asst. U. S. Atty. General in Federal Court, where Judge Mandelbaum sentenced Kloepfel to a year and a day for illegally wearing the uniform of a Naval lieutenant-commander and making false statements to the Coast Guard.

Kloepfel, married and a father, lives at 63-28 Fitchett St., Forest Hills, and was employed aboard a Standard Oil of New Jersey tanker. Arrested Feb. 18, he asserted he had been at sea 13 years and under torpedo fire several times.

He said he wore the uniform to obtain reduced hotel rates and other concessions. To his plea for a suspended sentence, Judge Mandelbaum replied: "You are a lucky man. In any other country your offenses might put you before a firing squad."

### Cuts Down a Little

CLEVELAND (UP). — Louis Alken, 76, hasn't been feeling so well lately, so he has cut his work-day at the American Shipbuilding Co. plant here to "only" eight hours. He had been putting in 11 hours daily at his machine.

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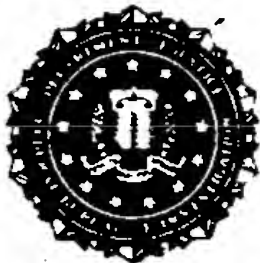
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
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The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. SEDITION AND RELATED MATTERS

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A. Seditious Conspiracy Case

Mr. Winchell stated: "Assistant Attorney General O. John Rogge will produce surprise witnesses in the forthcoming sedition cases. Mr. Rogge expressly took the assignment on Mr. Biddle's guarantee that he, Rogge, could establish guilt or innocence no matter where and to whom that evidence leads."

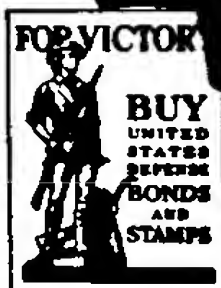
The Bureau is maintaining contact with Mr. Rogge concerning the prosecution of the defendants in this case. His manner of handling the case definitely implies that he has the power to include or exclude any individuals depending upon the evidence. This is particularly shown by the fact that the entire matter is to be considered by a new grand jury.

B. Donald Shea

Mr. Winchell stated: "Donald Shea, mentioned by me several times over this network as being among the swastika paraders, is now operating again in Baltimore, Maryland. This Donald Shea, who makes no secret of his admiration for Hitler and Nazi methods, is mailing out lots of vicious propaganda under the frank of the Honorable Congressman Hamilton Fish."



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C. William Dudley Pelley

Mr. Winchell stated: "You probably were not the only one who picked a loser in the Derby. A woman named Carolyn Dorset of Asheville, North Carolina, lost a big bundle of money on an also-ran by the name of William Dudley Pelley. Pelley, who is serving 15 years in a Federal prison for sedition, was freed on a huge bond in an Asheville court before his Federal arrest, and Carolyn Dorset put up \$7,500 in cash for his bail at that time. It was revealed the other day that the lady's \$7,500 bail for Pelley was forfeited by order of that court. Had Carolyn Dorset invested that \$7,500 in War Bonds, she would have had \$10,000 for it in 10 years, which will be just about when Mr. Pelley will still have five more years to serve."

The Pelley Press was originally operated in Asheville, North Carolina, where late in 1940 Pelley was convicted in a State Court for violation of one of the Blue Sky Laws. He appealed the conviction and Carolyn Dorset provided \$7,500 bond for his release. Pelley thereupon moved his activities out of North Carolina to Noblesville, Indiana. He did not return to North Carolina to appeal the State conviction, and it is this matter to which Mr. Winchell appears to refer.

II. COMMUNIST MATTERS

A. Attitude of Catholic Church Toward Russia

Mr. Winchell stated: "Conceding nothing to Communism as a doctrine, the Vatican is believed much more favorably inclined toward Russia as a nation. Important Catholic newspapers are urging a cautious but definite policy of cooperation with Russia. Unquestionably the former strained relations are improved."

No information concerning the attitude of the Catholic Church toward Communism and Russia along the lines as suggested by Mr. Winchell has been brought to the Bureau's attention.

B. Political Prisoners in North Africa

Mr. Winchell stated "the Algiers radio stated tonight that General Henri Giraud has ordered all political prisoners released and all concentration camps abolished".

It is known to the Bureau that the CP has been agitating for the release of these individuals.

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III. GERMAN ACTIVITIESA. "Passport to Treason"

Mr. Winchell stated: "A new and very exciting book has just been published by McBride. The title is ~~PASSPORT TO TREASON~~. The author is Alan Hynd. In it Mr. Hynd exposes many Americans over here who cooperated allegedly with the various Nazi controlled Bund and Nazi controlled organizations. He names their names, which some of our Congressional investigators promised to do but didn't. ~~PASSPORT TO TREASON~~, you will be shocked to learn, ladies and gentlemen, also reveals that many officials-- that many disloyal Americans are right now holding good jobs in various Government agencies in Washington. Read it please. The book's title ~~PASSPORT TO TREASON~~."

The book ~~PASSPORT TO TREASON~~ is being reviewed in the Espionage Section for the information of the Director. Approximately one-half of the book has been reviewed to date and it is expected that a report covering the review of this book will be prepared in the near future.

IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAUA. OWI and the Dies Committee

Mr. Winchell stated: "The real fireworks for the OWI will not come from the Dies Committee as announced in the papers but from a totally unexpected quarter, the House Appropriations Committee. Their detectives have quietly gathered individual reports which are expected to explode in Washington next Tuesday."

Concerning this matter it might be stated that the New York office recently furnished the Bureau a report in which the personnel list of OWI approximating about 1,700 employees was furnished to the Bureau. The information contained in the New York files concerning each of these individuals was set out and several were reported to be affiliated with Communist activities.

B. Pending Legislation--War Securities Bill

Mr. Winchell stated: "The War Securities Bill continues to languish in the Senate Judiciary Committee despite the warnings of the Department of Justice that there is a gap in the law against saboteurs. Except for military law they can only be punished lightly. The Department of Justice frankly fears the light penalty now on the books. Senator Wheeler sits on the Judiciary Committee."

Mr. Ladd

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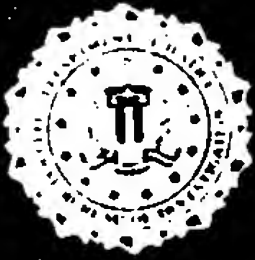
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You will recall that this Bill was drawn by Mr. Fahy of the Department and submitted to the Bureau prior to its presentation to Congress. The progress of the Bill is being closely followed by the Bureau, and it is known that it is still in the Judiciary Committee at this time.

Respectfully,

  
J. Edgar Hoover





Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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April 25, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
APRIL 25, 1943

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- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. REGISTRATION ACT AND SEDITION MATTERS

A. George Sylvester Viereck and Sedition Conspiracy Case

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The second trial for George Sylvester Viereck, the admitted Nazi agent, is scheduled some time in June. Prosecutor O. John Rogge will convene a special grand jury for the thirty-four Sedition cases some time next month."

The Bureau has been advised by the Department that the Viereck trial will be held in June and the Bureau is also in receipt of a request that a jury investigation be conducted of the jury panel.

You will recall that Mr. O. John Rogge has been designated as a special prosecutor to succeed Mr. William Power Maloney in the case involving thirty-four individuals previously indicted for conspiracy to violate one of the conspiracy statutes. Mr. Rogge is reviewing all the evidence which was presented to the previous grand jury under the direction of Mr. Maloney, who obtained two indictments against these individuals, and Mr. Rogge contemplates representing the entire case to a new grand jury for the purpose of obtaining a third indictment.

B. Hamilton Fish Bill

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The terrible and horrible news announced by the President this week that the Japs butcher American flyers after the Tokyo raid contained this grim irony: One of the Congressman who demanded vengeance and more bombing for Tokyo was the ardent Hamilton Fish of New York. Not very well known to the general public, however, is this, that Congressman Fish offered a new bill in the House affected all persons

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accused of trying to undermine this Government before Pearl Harbor. This new Congressman Fish bill would handcuff the Department of Justice and the FBI in prosecuting the thirty-four persons now charged with Sedition, one of whom, Ralph Townsend, was convicted for being a Japanese agent."

The bill to which Mr. Winchell referred is being followed by the Bureau, and the same was placed in the hopper on March 31, 1943 by Congressman Fish. This bill relates to Section 9, Title 18, United States Code, which is commonly referred to as the "peacetime Sedition statute".

The Hamilton Fish bill amends the present statute with reference to conspiracy prosecutions under that section and makes it obligatory that the prosecution show that each one of the conspirators individually engaged in an overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy. The bill further provides that venue for trial will lie only in the district where the particular defendant resides. It is retroactive to December 8, 1941, and if passed would make it necessary to prosecute each of the thirty-four persons now under indictment for conspiracy to violate this particular section in the district in which he resides. The consolidation of these cases in the District of Columbia, of course, would be impossible under the Fish amendment to this section. No action has been taken on this bill to date, and it is now understood to be in the House Judiciary Committee.

C. Joe McWilliams

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. Joe McWilliams spotlighted by me over this network many times continues goosestepping in the swastika parade. His latest propaganda plan praises democracy which he once condemned on the street corners of New York. Joe McWilliams, in case you are among the gullibles, spoke from the same platform with German-American Bund leaders and praised Hitlerism. He now works out of Chicago where it is reported his propaganda booklets are published and supported by one Alice Rand - R A N D. This lady's name, however, is really Mrs. Alexis DeTarnowsky, wife of an officer in the Army of the United States. How do you like that?"

The propaganda booklet to which Mr. Winchell referred is undoubtedly the recent publication of McWilliams called "Serviceman's Reconstruction Plan". Alice Rand, to whom Mr. Winchell referred, is now associated closely with McWilliams and runs the Barrington Rand Press, Barrington, Illinois. She and McWilliams are putting out a weekly booklet, the purpose of which is to publicize and encourage the purchase of McWilliams' Book "Serviceman's Reconstruction Plan". McWilliams' speaking in New York is, of course, well known to the Bureau.

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II. ITALIAN ACTIVITIES

A. Carlos Tresca

Mr. Winchell stated; "A wild pamphlet now being distributed in the East and purporting to give clues of the mysterious murder of Carlos Tresca, an enemy of Mussolini and Fascism, has aroused the District Attorney of New York. The police are searching for the author. The case, which is the hottest since the murder of Arnold Rothstein, has international angles. Governor Dewey may step in to it in his old role of crime buster."

The pamphlet to which Mr. Winchell referred is undoubtedly a treatise prepared by a Mr. Ezzio Tadei and Mrs. Tresca, in which it is charged that Communists were responsible for Tresca's murder.

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While the Bureau is not actively investigating the Tresca murder, which is, in fact, being covered by the New York police, the Bureau is endeavoring to check and follow the activities of

III. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

A. Relationship between the Communist Party and General Franco

Mr. Winchell stated: "Mexico City. The Communist Party of South America has been ordered to temper its attacks against Franco. Experts frankly state that Stalin is hoping for a better relationship with the Vatican and many highly informed diplomats believe that a public understanding pointing to Hitler as a common enemy will be reached by the Vatican and the Kremlin."

It might be noted that there is, in fact, no "Communist Party of South America", since the party is divided into units within the various countries of South America, and there is a Communist Party of Chile, Communist Party of Argentina, etc.

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No information has been furnished to the Bureau indicating that any of the various Communist groups in South America has been instructed to discontinue attacks against Franco. The attitude of the Communist Party in the United States has been strongly against Franco and, in fact, has openly advocated the overthrow of his government by the use of guerrilla bands. The Communist Party in the United States has continually complained to the State Department because of the State Department's attitude toward Franco, complaining particularly against the shipping of oil to Spain and against the continued imprisonment of Loyalist soldiers in North Africa.

A memorandum was recently prepared on the Communist Party's attitude in this connection at the request of the Attorney General, who, in turn, had received a copy of a communication addressed by the State Department to the White House with reference to the current attitude which the Communist Party had taken toward the State Department.

#### IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

##### A. Sweden

Mr. Winchell stated: "Stockholm. Sweden may be the next nation to join the allies."

##### B. California Committee to Investigate Subversive Activities

Mr. Winchell stated: "Sacramento. The California State Committee probing un-American activities in California has issued its report which demands wider circulation, I think. This organization of alert Americans pointed out that the subversive groups among us are not dead, that they are again coming out of their holes and unless something is done to curb them, they will plague the nation after the war. The California investigators are among those who have also been attacked by certain peculiar representatives in Washington, D. C., whose red tape does all it can to bind them. This is to remind all of you ladies and gentlemen that the red tape which seals another man's lips may one day be used as a rope around your neck."

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The committee referred to is frequently known as the Jack Tenney Committee and is a state committee for the investigation of subversive activities in California. The Los Angeles Office of the Bureau has been maintaining contact with a representative of this Committee, and has furnished to the Bureau whenever information was believed of interest to Bureau cases. The San Francisco Office has been requested to obtain a copy of the Committee's report referred to herein, and the same will be reviewed as soon as it is received, and any information of particular Bureau interest will be called to your attention.

Congressmen Gerhard, Lambertson and Senator Nye

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States. Some of the Congressmen continue to fight our allies instead of the common enemy. What might be Sedition if spoken by an American soldier in Tunisia is not Sedition when it is spoken on the floor of the House of Representatives. I refer to the remarks by three of them who apparently do not realize that our country needs no allies to preserve the Constitution which gave these legislators immunity. The least they might do is remember that there is no immunity on a battlefield. Congressman Gerhard, for instance, with our own men crashing in planes on the Continent, and our flyers murdered in Japan, Mr. Gerhard publicly worries whether or not our trade treaties might have appeased Mr. Hitler instead of being concerned how the United Nations can exterminate them. Congressman Lambertson the other day criticized Dorothy Thompson, the noted commentator, by saying that she is non-American because she will soon be married to a gentleman from Czechoslovakia. Mr. Lambertson forgets that many Czecks have died and are still fighting on our side for the very principals which he, Lambertson, is able to hold office, and with the dead of the glorious British Eighth Army lying all over the desert from Suez to Sfax, Senator Gerald P. Nye attacks the country for which they died. The British Eighth Army may not hold the right views perhaps for Senator Nye, but more important, the British Eighth Army tonight is holding the American red flank in Tunisia."

D. Byron Price - Elmer Davis

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. A large and important group of anti-New Deal newspapers will launch a campaign within the next few days to have Byron Price placed in charge of the Office of War Information, in the event, that is, Elmer Davis resigns. This is to advise all concerning that Mr. Davis has absolutely no intention of quitting despite all the petty squabbles around him."



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E. Recovery of Escaped Georgia State Prisoners

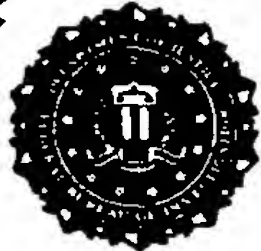
Mr. Winchell stated: "Macon, Georgia. Leland Harney and D. C. Black, two of the twenty-five men who broke out of Patnor Prison have been recaptured near Macon, Georgia."

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
 May 9, 1943

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. SEDITION AND REGISTRATION ACT MATTERS

A. Mankind United Case

Mr. Winchell stated: "Los Angeles. The best news all week from California, I think, was the conviction of ten men and two women for violating the War-time Sedition laws. They are the leaders of another of those spurious patriotic groups which calls itself Mankind United many times challenged by this reporter. Among other things they got away with, until the law pounced on them, was opposing the draft, opposition to war bonds, claiming that the West Coast attacks by subs were not made by the Japanese but, they said, were propaganda reports, and they also went in for glorification of Adolf Hitler as the foe of hidden rumors responsible for this terrible war unquote. They face fines of \$10,000 each and possible prison for 20 years."

You will recall that a memorandum was addressed to the Director on Friday, May 7, 1943, advising him of the conviction of these subjects and the status of the civil suits against Bureau representatives, which arose out of this case. The trial lasted over a month and fifty Government witnesses testified. This is reported to have been the biggest Sedition case during this or the last war.

B. Adelaide M. Pelly

Mr. Winchell stated: "Pittsburgh. Adelaide M. Pelly, the daughter of William Dudley Pelly, the convicted Seditionist, was indicted herself at Pittsburgh this week along with four others on charges of harboring an alleged Seditionist and spy

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named Count Von Brounstrup, who was Pelly's lawyer. The Count, according to the G-Men, was also the literary brains of the Silver Shirt gang."

It will be recalled that following the indictment of Von Brounstrup and others in July of 1942 for conspiracy to violate one of the Sedition statutes, Brounstrup was not apprehended by United States Marshals. Thereafter the Bureau was requested to institute a fugitive investigation, and after a short time located Brounstrup at New Galilee, Pennsylvania. As a result of the fugitive investigation, five individuals, including Adelaide M. Pelly, were determined to have harbored Von Brounstrup.

The United States Attorney in Pittsburgh thereafter authorized prosecution and on December 7, 1942, an indictment was returned charging these individuals with having harbored a fugitive charged with a violation of one of the war-time statutes. The case was carried pending for a period and further investigation was conducted at the request of the United States Attorney. On May 5, 1943, the United States Attorney had another indictment returned against this subject and her four associates charging generally that they harbored one who was a fugitive and under Federal indictment. It is contemplated that the trial of these individuals will take place the latter part of May in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

#### C. George Sylvester Viereck

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The trial of George Sylvester Viereck, the admitted Nazi agent, will start on June the 5th for a Federal violation based on information developed by the FBI."

The Bureau is aware of the imminence of the Viereck trial and has been requested by the Department to conduct a jury investigation of the jury panel which will serve this trial. The Director will be kept advised of all developments.

## II. TREASON CASES

#### A. Max Stephan Case

Mr. Winchell stated: "Detroit. Save your tears over Max Stephan (or Stephen) who was sentenced to die for treason. He's the fellow who boasted that Adolf Hitler would never let him die over here. According to the FBI, Max was no lily even before he was convicted for helping escaped Nazi war prisoners. Early in 1940 Detroiters might remember the song given free distribution all over Detroit. That song contained disparaging statements about the President of the United States. The title of this insulting song was 'Franklin Delano Rooseveltky'. Well, the publisher was allegedly the United Political Committee of 7209 East Jefferson



Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. The address happened to be, by coincidence of course, the same as that of the German-American Restaurant owned by none other than Max Stephan."

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At this time Stephan is attempting to obtain clemency

B. Theodore Donay

Mr. Winchell stated: "Another Nazi agent who lost his composure in a Detroit Federal court was Theodore Donay, D-O-N-A-Y, who was also tried for treason. G-Men reveal that his sister in Germany works for the No. 2 Nazi, Herr Goering."

The trial of Donay is in progress at this time and has reached the rebuttal stage. It recessed last Friday and will reconvene next Tuesday. Peter Krug, the German flyer, has testified, and Agents of the Bureau have also testified for the prosecution. This case is, of course, being closely followed, and the results of the trial will be called to the Director's attention immediately.

III. DENATURALIZATION MATTERS

A. Consolidated Denaturalization Cases - San Francisco

Mr. Winchell stated: "San Francisco. The trial of the German-American Bund members charged with conspiring against the United States in the San Francisco area will start in July. Thirty Bund members are among the defendants. The Federal prosecutor will be Frank Pattan, a former Attorney General in New Mexico."

It appears that Mr. Winchell is referring to the consolidated denaturalization proceedings of the leaders and members of the Bund in San Francisco. It is known to the Bureau that Mr. Frank Pattan, a special assistant to the Attorney General, is now in San Francisco to prepare these cases for trial. The denaturalization of these individuals is being closely followed by the Bureau and is the direct result of Bureau investigation.

IV. ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY

A. Parachute Landings

Mr. Winchell stated: "The FBI has dealt with over 200 reports of parachute landings, none of which, after checking, was found to be true, but that fact that the citizens are on the alert immensely pleases Director John Edgar Hoover of the FBI."

You will recall the recent Bureau press release in which it was stated that 178 reports of parachute landings have been reported to the Bureau and were found to be untrue. It will also be recalled that this release contained a comment that the Director was pleased at the fact that public citizens were reporting these matters. It appears that the Bureau's release in this regard gave rise to Mr. Winchell's remark.

V. DIVISION SIX MATTERS

A. Extortion

Mr. Winchell stated: "Fairfield, Illinois. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has arrested a forty-three year old farmer named Roy G. Miller of Fairfield, Illinois. The G-Men allege that Miller attempted to extort \$25,000 from the son of an Illinois Congressman. He was positively identified by FBI handwriting experts."

Mr. Winchell's comment in this regard was apparently taken from a Bureau press release of May 6, 1943, in which it was indicated that Roy Grundy Miller had attempted to extort \$25,000 from James Heidinger, the son of Congressman Heidinger (R) of Illinois, and that an identification was made by Bureau handwriting experts.

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VI. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

Mr. Winchell stated: "The expose' heard on this broadcast are all documented. Many are from the public prints and the Congressional Record. Some of the remarks, of course, are my own opinions, and that's why Censors get rich."

Respectfully,

J. A. Sizoo  
*[Signature]*



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
May 16, 1943

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. SABOTAGE MATTERS

A. Sabotage Training School

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. John Edgar Hoover issued a warning to the nation tonight to be on the outlook for a new crop of super expert Nazi saboteurs. The G-Man states they are better trained than the eight captured last year, and that these new saboteurs are expected to try to enter the United States. The FBI does not state that they have landed. Your reporter learns that very recently about thirty-five Nazi saboteurs graduated from the training school at Laurent on the French Coast."

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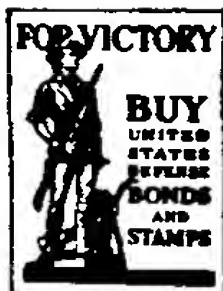
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II. SELECTIVE SERVICE MATTERS

A. Congressman Lambertson's son, Milan Ward Lambertson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "I did not mention the name of the Congressman's son who requested draft deferment as a conscientious objector last week on the radio. I did so, however, in the newspapers. He is the son of Congressman Lambertson, of Kansas, who criticized the war records of the Roosevelt boys several times. After first denying it to reporters, the Congressman's son withdrew his deferment request the very next morning."

Mr. Winchell closed his program last Sunday night offering "the following suggestion to Congressmen from Kansas, one of whom has criticized the war records of the Roosevelt boys. He could, if he wanted to, criticize the son of a Kansas Congressman tomorrow morning who claims that he is opposed to war, which is why the son of the Congressman



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has requested deferment from the Draft. If any Congressman is interested, let him call me now at Station WMAL in Washington, D. C."

You will recall that on last Monday morning, Congressman Lambertson called at the Bureau and stated that he wished the Bureau to know that his son, Milan Ward Lambertson, was contacting his local draft board to advise the board that he was withdrawing his request for classification as a conscientious objector. No further investigation is, therefore, being conducted by the Bureau.

### III. DIVISION SIX MATTERS

#### A. ~~ELSA VON STAHRBERG~~ - IMPERSONATION

Mr. Winchell stated: "Miami, Florida. Countess Elsa Von Stahremberg, charged with impersonating an FBI officer, is out on bail. The trial, however, will start in Federal Court, Miami, on the 26th of July. If found guilty, the Countess faces a ten year term and a \$5,000 fine. The Government will allege that it confiscated a book of private phone numbers which the Government will say included the private phone numbers of Goering, Goebbels and Adolph Hitler."

The Bureau is aware of the fact that the trial referred to by Mr. Winchell will take place on July 26, 1943. It is noted, however, that Countess Von Stahremberg, under the present indictment, faces the penalty of only three years or \$1,000 or both, rather than ten years and a \$5,000 fine, as indicated by Mr. Winchell.

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#### B. PERJURY - WILHELM A. G. MEYER

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Wilhelm A. G. Meyer, a former German World War veteran, will come before a Federal Judge in New York City on the 24th. He was indicted last week for making false statements to Army officials. Federal men say that Meyer is a former associate of Fritz Duquesne, who, with thirty-two other spies, was arrested by the FBI. While under investigation, Wilhelm Meyer, associate of spies, became a Government Agent in the Internal Revenue Department. How do you like that one?"

The indictment for perjury arose out of false statements which Meyer made before an Army Exclusion Board.

IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

A. JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNEES

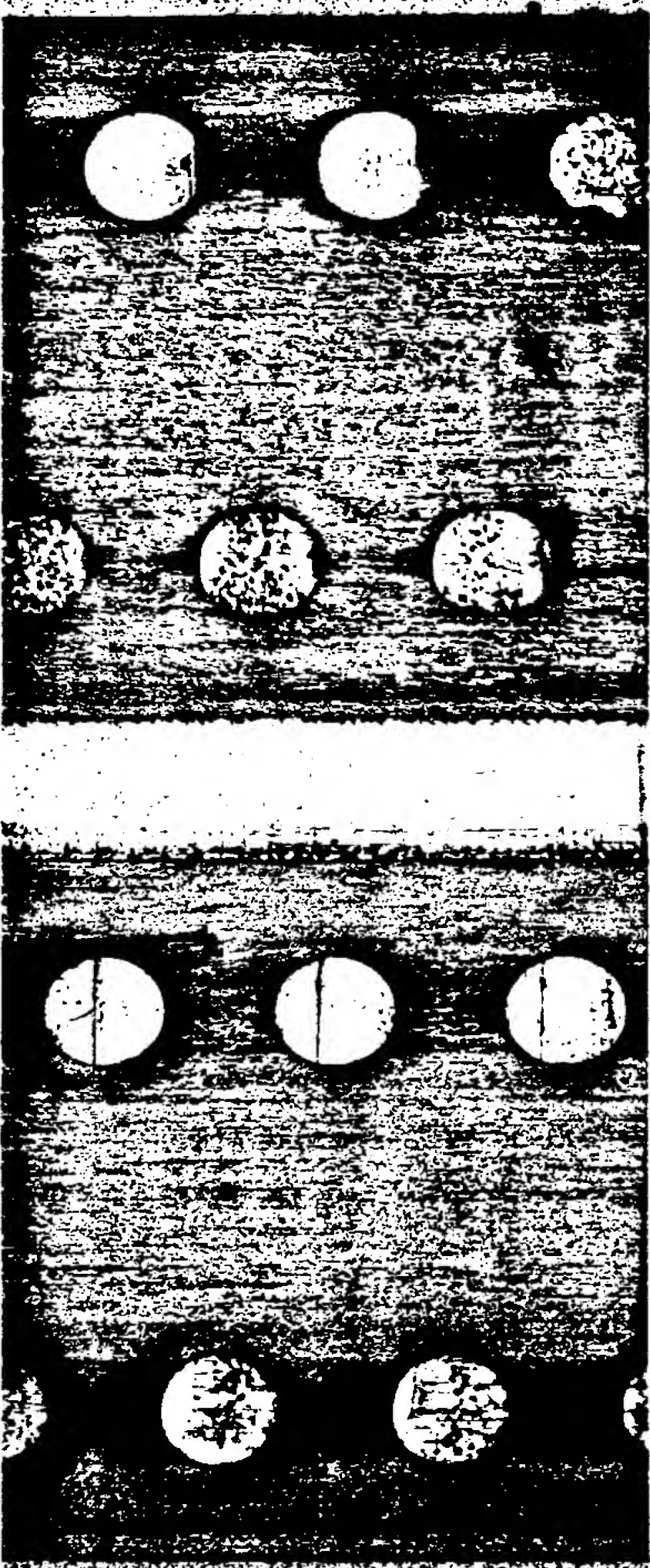
Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. United States Senator Chandler, of Kentucky, will see the President as soon as possible about the Japanese Americans interned over here. Senator Chandler was shocked to learn, he told me, that out of twenty-five thousand Jap Americans interviewed by the Army, only forty-one hundred declared loyalty to the United States. Of that number, only eleven hundred eighty-one said they would fight for our country. Senator Chandler wants to know why these Jap Americans enjoy food the rest of us cannot get. (The next thirteen lines, ladies and gentlemen, have been deleted by the Blue Network.)"

B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Los Angeles. The G-Men cannot investigate any Congressman or United States Senator suspected of sedition or anything without orders, that is, from the Attorney General. The only light that can be used on such people, if any, is the blinding spotlight used by independent newspapermen. Reporters, of course, unafraid of reprisal."

Respectfully,

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May 17, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir: Walter Winchell

Mr. Walter Winchell in broadcast last night stated in effect, "We'll have to drive the <sup>Nazi</sup> idea of a superior race from the minds of the German people."

Now any school boy knows they have had the "Superior race" idea many generations before the word "Nazi" was heard of. It is part of the German that he has always had.

Is Winchell starting a subtle propaganda? Such words do not sound well, especially from a man who claims to be a true American.

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
235 East 45 Street  
New York City, New York

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Dear Mr. Winchell;

We, the boys and girls in our social science class, were talking about the latest world affairs. The coal miners strike was brought to our attention. Trying to see both sides of the question we discussed it at length. A mutual feeling in the class was that no true American could strike at a time as vital as this. The problem was of serious importance to us because all of us have members of our family, relatives, or close friends in the service. We know that anything which prevents the delivery of war goods to the battle front may spell the difference between the life or death of someone very dear to us. We hope that the spirit of this petition will reach the hearts of those who are participating in this strike. We want the people of the United States to know that the boys and girls of America are thinking of such problems as these.

In the cause of Democracy;

Signed,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 31, 1943, has been received and I do want you to know that I appreciate your furnishing this information to the FBI. We are always happy to receive the observations of our citizens as today more than ever before the cooperation and assistance of the public is necessary for the war program to be successful.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It has been a long time since I first thought of writing to you, regarding communistic activities both on the air and in the motion picture industry.

The reason I have put it off so long is because, I have heard so much of what you were doing to combat this popaganda that I thought sooner or latter your office would catch up with them, but from all indications it seems instead of you catching up with them they have caught up with you. I refer of course to the greatest of all communists, "Walter Winchell."

Mr. Hoover, did you ever read Lenin's "little Red" premier? That's the communists bible. I don't think you did, because if you did you would have found out long ago what Walter Winchell is doing on the air. You see in the little Red Premier Lenin tells the commics that one of the most important tricks to practice on those in power is to pat them on the back, flatter them till they are drunk with their own importance. I was wondering if all this praise Walter Winchell puts out might not have something to do with his not being put, not only off the air but in jail.

I am giving you Walter Winchell's name to see what you can do about connecting him with communistic activities in this country. If you can do anything with Winchell then I will be glad to point out to you the program as outlined by the whole motion picture industry for the spread of communistic propaganda.

Don't take this as a joke, Mr. Hoover, because you will hear from me many times in the future. I like many other Americans are fed up on cheap political parasites such as Walter Winchell.

Very truly yours

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
May 30, 1943

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The following comments which seem to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during his broadcast on this date:

SEDITION AND REGISTRATION MATTERS

A. Seditious Conspiracy Case, United States vs. Gerald B. Winrod, et al.

Mr. Winchell commented: "New York. Along with other newspaper men and commentators your newsboy has been under constant attack, in the highest Washington places too, for daring to expose the backgrounds of the thirty-four persons now awaiting trial on charges of sedition. Who are these thirty-four alleged Americans whose reputations we have dared to sully? Beginning Tuesday next and every day for three weeks their respective case histories will be published in New York's PM. The articles will spotlight Elizabeth Dilling, George Sylvester Vierick, Leon De Aryan and their many many partners who peddle Hitler's peculiar brand of democracy over here."

You will recall that the thirty-four individuals referred to by Mr. Winchell are presently under indictment in the District of Columbia for alleged violations of the Sedition Statutes. This case has been pending since July 21, 1942, when the first indictment was returned. Subsequently, on January 4, 1943, a new indictment was secured and inasmuch as the court in ruling on preliminary motions has ruled that the first count of the indictment is legally insufficient, the Department has indicated that the case will again be presented to another Grand Jury for a third indictment. It is expected that this action will be taken in the near future, probably some time next month. You will remember that since Mr. Rogge took over the case, the Bureau has been conducting certain additional investigation desired by the Department. No previous indication has been received by the Bureau concerning PM's plan to run a series of articles on the background of the various defendants. However, heretofore PM has frequently and prominently displayed a considerable amount of publicity concerning this case, particularly when Mr. Maloney was handling it.

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B. Franz Ernst Paul Fiedler.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Pittsburgh. Franz Ernst Paul Fiedler will take the Federal judge in Pittsburgh on June first on a charge of sedition. Franz, a retired businessman before his arrest by G-men, urged German Jap coalition against what he termed the Anglo-Saxon gangster nations. He also wrote letters to drafted men, John L. Lewis, ex-President Hoover and others denouncing Americans fighting to preserve our liberty."

Mr. Winchell was obviously referring to the fact that Fiedler's trial will commence in Federal Court at Pittsburgh on June 1, 1943. Fiedler was arrested on May 3, 1943, by the Pittsburgh Office after the Department authorized prosecution under the Wartime Sedition Statute.

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Since Fiedler's arrest for sedition, the Department has also authorized denaturalization proceedings and a denaturalization complaint has been filed.

C. The ~~Free~~ Roumanian Movement.

Mr. Winchell stated: "The trial of the Free Roumanian Movement in Detroit has been indefinitely postponed in order to permit the taking of depositions on July 19th from former King Carol in Mexico."

You will recall that this case was originally scheduled to come on for trial last Tuesday, the defendants, three leaders of the Free Roumanian Movement, being charged with violations of both the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, and the Notification Section of the Espionage Act of 1917. The Bureau has previously been advised of the postponement of the trial and the fact that the United States Attorney and the defense attorneys contemplate taking depositions concerning the matter from King Carol in Mexico.

II. TREASON CASES

A. Theodore ~~Donay~~

Mr. Winchell commented: "Detroit, Michigan. Theodore Donay was sentenced to six and one-half years in a Federal prison last week for treason. The first conviction for this offense in American history. G-men intercepted a letter sent by Donay to his sister

"who works in the office of Herman Goering, No. 2 man in the Nazi Party. In it Donay stated, 'The Normandie lying on her side in the Hudson River is one of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen.' The FBI has taken steps to revoke his citizenship."

During a subsequent portion of his broadcast while making comments about the Max Stephan case, Mr. Winchell commented further concerning Donay as follows: "Incidentally, I said that Theodore Donay was sentenced to six and a half years in Federal prison last week for misprison of treason. The first conviction for this offense in American history."

It will be noted that in his first comment Mr. Winchell indicated that Donay had been convicted for treason. However, he subsequently corrected himself, observing that the conviction had been for the crime of misprison of treason. This, of course, is correct and you will recall that following Donay's conviction on May 12, 1943, he was sentenced on May 24, 1943, to a term of six and one-half years imprisonment. Although Mr. Winchell did not so comment, Donay was also fined \$1,000.00.

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#### B. Max Stephan.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Max Stephan, the Detroit restaurant owner doomed to hang for treason, has seized the one recourse left him - Presidential clemency. His application is now being studied in Washington."

You will recall that several weeks ago the Supreme Court refused to review Stephan's case, leaving the only possible recourse as an appeal for Presidential clemency. The Bureau has previously received information to the effect that Stephan's attorneys have made such a plea in his behalf.

### III. SABOTAGE AND PLANT PROTECTION MATTERS

#### A. Brewster Aeronautical Plant, Newark, New Jersey.

Concerning this subject Mr. Winchell commented as follows: "Newark, New Jersey. The United States Navy has closed down the Brewster Aeronautical Plant, claiming it did not hire sufficient guards to prevent possible sabotage. This Brewster plant in Newark has been criticized several times by Senate committees. The closing affects over 3,000 workers."

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Although the Bureau has not received any previous information concerning this reported action on the part of the Navy Department, it is known that in recent months considerable controversy and discord both on the part of labor and management have reportedly existed at the Brewster Plant at Newark. This plant was surveyed by the Bureau during the Summer of 1941 and is not a shadow plant and, accordingly, is one in which the Bureau has general investigative jurisdiction.

#### IV. GERMAN MATTERS

##### A. Merry Farney.

Concerning this individual Mr. Winchell stated as follows:

"Buenos Aires, Argentina. Madcap Merry Farney, the American heiress who quit the United States because she cared more about gestapo agent ~~Von Stremple~~ than she did about Uncle Sam, is now selling her jewelry. Her butler is said to be transacting the sales for her down there. Besides having her fortune frozen by an order of an American judge, Merry recently lost a quarter of a million dollars in cash to a very, very, dear, dear, friend, friend. In other words Merry Farney, once worth three million dollars, is now selling her jewelry after selling America short."

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Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast of April 11, 1943, commented in considerable detail concerning the general activities of this person and at the time described her as being a very, very, dear, dear, friend, friend of a high Nazi official formerly of the Embassy at Washington, D. C. Mr. Winchell undoubtedly referred to Von Stremple and he probably has the same person in mind when he states that Farney recently lost a quarter of a million dollars in cash to a "very, very, dear, dear, friend, friend."

##### B. Statement Concerning Future Activities of the Dies Committee.

In this regard Mr. Winchell stated: "Congressman Martin Dies says he was misquoted and that he is not disbanding his Committee because Moscow denounced the American Communists. It is to be presumed then that Mr. Dies' Committee will now concentrate on exposing American Nazis as well as those Americans who played ball with the Nazis over here and bat them."

You will recall that several days ago the press attributed a statement to Mr. Dies to the effect that the activities of his Committee would probably be discontinued, in view of Russia's announcement on the dissolution of the Comintern.



## V. DIVISION SIX MATTERS

## A. Fugative Investigation Concerning Subject Newton Terry Baird.

Mr. Winchell commented: "Douglas, Wyoming. Another desperado is on the loose. He is Newton Terry Baird, age twenty-six. He is also known as "Pete" and "Cowboy." He broke out of the Douglas, Wyoming, jail several days ago. The fugative was last seen raiding a Wyoming warehouse for supplies. The FBI has issued a wanted notice for him warning that he is very dangerous. Cowboy Baird, 'B A I R D,' has been convicted for cattle rustling, larceny, car theft, burglary and murder. He is charged also with stealing fourteen motor cars and he has evaded arrest from local officers five times. He will shoot to kill on the least provocation. If you have information about his whereabouts, contact the FBI in Washington, D. C."

You will remember that last week a wanted circular concerning this subject was issued by the Bureau. This individual is a very notorious criminal. He is wanted for many local charges and is being sought by the Bureau as a NMVTA subject. A very extensive fugative investigation is under way and, of course, this case will continue to receive the most careful attention.

## VI. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

Mr. Winchell during his broadcast made the following comments concerning matters which appeared to be of general interest to the Bureau: "The July American Magazine features an article on what war has done to children neglected by their parents. It is by FBI Director John Edgar Hoover. Every parent should read it."

"Chicago. Robert R. McCormick, the publisher, will soon enter the Presidential race. Mr. McCormick will try it in the Middle Western Primaries to combat Mr. Willkie. Roger Farrity (phonetic), McCormick's campaign manager, is right now concerned at Adelpia Springs, Missouri, with Middle Western Republicans. They are planning organization of McCormick for President Clubs. That is the best piece of news Mr. Willkie has heard since his book went over the million mark."

"Madrid. Tension is steadily mounting in Spain. Franco, a tremendous factor only two months ago, is on the diplomatic offensive now. Experts say that the Spanish Falange is through. The appeaser crowd in London is rooting for a monarchy. The Spanish people, however, want a republic."

It also appears to be of general interest to note that at one point during his broadcast Mr. Winchell spent at least two minutes making some general statements pertinent to Memorial Day and what it means to America. Mr. Winchell first praised the very fine work being done by the Armed Forces and then stated that all Americans, on the home front, are not cooperating with the war effort to the full extent of their ability. He commented on alleged bickering and differences existing among several groups and recommended that all Americans forget their differences and cooperate fully in giving the greatest support to the men on the fighting fronts. Mr. Winchell commented that the American flyers who had lost their lives on the Tokyo raid were not the least bit concerned about the \$25,000.00 wage ceiling or the Ruml plan. He stated that the men on Midway look askance on strikes and in closing this portion of his broadcast, he commented that Government officials should be "fearless enough to enforce the law from price ceilings to sedition." As previously indicated, Mr. Winchell's remarks during this particular phase of his broadcast appeared to be directed toward the purpose of morale building, befitting of Memorial Day.

Respectfully,

*J. P. Hanratty*  
J. P. Hanratty

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
May 23, 1943

The following comments which seem to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

I. REGISTRATION ACT MATTERS

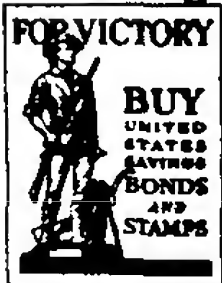
A German-American Vocational League

Mr. Winchell Stated: "Washington. On direct orders from Attorney General Biddle a Federal Grand Jury will consider the German-American Vocational League. Assistant Attorney General Edward Rhetts will charge that this League is connected with the German-American Bund in a criminal conspiracy covering many states. The indictment is expected Tuesday next in Newark, New Jersey. The German-American Vocational League needs no introduction to listeners of this news boy, who years ago first warned Americans of its stinks."

The Bureau has received no information that this case is to be presented to a Grand Jury next Tuesday or at any time in the near future. As you will recall, this organization has received extensive investigation by the Bureau for more than two years. All of the information developed has been sent to the Department and from time to time requests have been made for an opinion as to prosecution. Initially the case was being handled by the Special War Policies Unit in the Department but more recently it has been taken over by the Criminal Division and one of the Special Assistants to the Attorney General. The Department has never indicated the theory under which it intends to proceed against the leaders of this organization, but it would appear that their activities to date most likely amount to a violation of one of the Registration Acts. As indicated, repeated correspondence has been had with the Department concerning the desirability of instituting prosecution but no definite answer has been received indicating either the date prosecution will be undertaken or the statute upon which it will be predicated. The last memorandum sent to the Department along this line was about two weeks ago.

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B. ~~The~~ Free Rumanian Movement

Mr. Winchell stated: "Detroit. The leaders of the Free Rumanian Movement will go to trial in Federal Court in Detroit on June 1. They were indicted last November on Federal charges of failing to register as foreign agents."

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You will recall that after a very extensive investigation, Reverend Glicheria Moraru, Reverend Stefan Opreanu and George Zamfir, leaders of the Free Rumanian Movement, were indicted during November, 1942, at Detroit, for a violation of the Registration Acts. In one count the indictment charged a violation of the 1917 Act (Section 601, Title 22, U.S.C.) and in three additional counts charged a violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

The gist of the charge against these defendants is the fact that they acted in behalf of exiled King Carol without registering as agents as required by law.

C. Henry L. ~~Klute~~

Mr. Winchell stated: "On the same day (June 1) in San Francisco Henry L. Klute, the former head of the German Steuben Society—remember that one?— goes on trial for not registering as a German agent."

Klute failed to register himself as a German propaganda agent and accordingly his activity in this regard has resulted in his being indicted for violation of the 1917 Registration Act (Section 601, Title 22, U.S. Code).

II. TREASON CASES

A. Theodore ~~Donay~~

Mr. Winchell commented: "Detroit. Theodore Donay, convicted on charges of treason, will be sentenced by Federal Judge Picard tomorrow. Donay was an associate of Max Stephan, who will soon die for helping Nazi war prisoners."

Donay was convicted in Federal Court at Detroit on May 12 last for misprison of treason for his failure to report the treasonable conduct of Max Stephan, who sheltered and assisted the escaped German war prisoner, Hans Peter

~~Krug.~~ As indicated by Mr. Winchell, Donay will be sentenced tomorrow and the crime for which he has been convicted carries a possible maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000. You will remember that numerous memoranda relative to the progress of the trial against Donay have been prepared for the Director.

### III. HATCH ACT MATTERS

#### A. Robert ~~Lovett~~

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The Department of Justice will sustain the claim of Robert Lovett, Secretary of the Virgin Islands, that Congress cannot dismiss him. Lovett, a close follower of Secretary Ickes, was accused by the Dies Committee. This means a major showdown between the Executive Branch and Congress."

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### IV. DIVISION SIX MATTERS

#### A. War Frauds Case Involving Un-named Corporation in Western Connecticut

Mr. Winchell commented: "Hartford, Connecticut. The War Frauds Division of the Department of Justice will shortly crack down on a corporation in Western Connecticut."

The Bureau is in receipt of no information adding clarity to this assertion. Several War Frauds matters are under investigation in Connecticut but in connection with none of these cases has the investigation reached the point where prosecution is imminent.

#### B. United States Attorneys Conference, Asheville, North Carolina

In this connection, Mr. Winchell stated: "At a United States Attorneys conference here next month the Department of Justice will order all United States attorneys to invoke the Treason Statutes when war frauds are discovered under combat conditions. The penalty is death."

The Bureau has not made any recommendations of this type and has received no information, either from the Department or elsewhere, suggesting that such orders or recommendations are to be issued to United States Attorneys.

C. ~~Betty~~ Grable Extortion Case

Concerning this case, Mr. Winchell remarked as follows: "Hollywood. Last spring an 18 year old boy named Russell ~~Alexander~~ Alexanderson confessed to the G-men that he sent Betty Grable and other stars many letters demanding money. The Federal Judge gave him the benefit of the doubt and put him on probation for five years. Last week FBI Agents had to arrest him again after he allegedly demanded that Betty Grable meet him with diamonds and \$500 in cash. He will now serve five years."

During the latter part of the winter of 1943 Alexanderson wrote several extortion letters to Betty Grable and Mae West. In these letters Alexanderson signed himself as "The Leopard." Following the Bureau's investigation he was identified and taken into custody by the Los Angeles office during March, 1943. On April 19, 1943, he was tried, found guilty and placed on probation for five years. Subsequently he wrote additional letters of the same type to Miss Grable and as a result was picked up again by the Los Angeles office. Last Wednesday, May 18, 1943, the court revoked his probation and sentenced him to a term of five years' imprisonment. This case provoked considerable public comment and interest, and as you will recall, was the subject of several releases and memoranda prepared at the Bureau during the past week.

V. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

A. Concerning the Director, Mr. Winchell made the following comments:

"New Brunswick, New Jersey. And this is certainly the fitting place to announce the news about the Director of the FBI. John Edgar Hoover was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree this afternoon by Rutgers University. A week hence G-man Hoover will be honored by the University of Arkansas."

B. Relative to world developments, Mr. Winchell made the following statements of general interest:

"Porto Allegre, Brazil. The British Ambassador told newspapermen today that direct military participation in the war by Brazil may be expected in the next few days."

"Lisbon. Franco is approaching his sharpest crisis since he took power. Observers believe that Franco will have trouble weathering this storm. The population of Spain is overwhelmingly in favor of a democracy. Some think a Spanish King and a Spanish Congress will be sitting before 1944."



C. Toward the end of his broadcast Mr. Winchell in addressing replies to his correspondents made the following assertion:

\*"Tad Yamosake of Austin, Texas. The source for my statements about the Japanese-Americans last Sunday night, as I distinctly announced, was United States Senator Chandler of Kentucky. The source for the food supplied to the Japan-American evacuees was several Western newspapers."

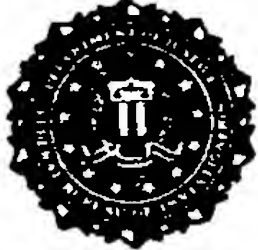
In this connection you will recall that last Sunday evening during a portion of his broadcast, Winchell stated as follows:

"Washington. United States Senator Chandler, of Kentucky, will see the President as soon as possible about the Japanese-Americans interned over here. Senator Chandler was shocked to learn, he told me, that out of twenty-five thousand Jap Americans interviewed by the Army, only forty-one hundred declared loyalty to the United States. Of that number, only eleven hundred eighty-one said they would fight for our country. Senator Chandler wants to know why these Jap Americans enjoy food the rest of us cannot get. (The next thirteen lines, ladies and gentlemen, have been deleted by the Blue Network.)"

Respectfully,

J. P. H.  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
June 6, 1943

The following comments which seem to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during his broadcast on this date:

I. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

A. Effect of dissolution of Comintern on Communist Party of USA

Mr. Winchell commented: "New York. The Communist Party of the United States was taken by surprise when Moscow disbanded the Third International. Commy leaders now feel that the Party will be overly criticized since there is no longer fear of causing a diplomatic incident. Efforts will be made, therefore, to have Communist leaders openly acknowledge their affiliation. The next move of the American Communists will be to change the name of the organization to the American People's Party."

With reference to the statement that efforts are being made to have Communist leaders openly acknowledge their affiliation with the Communist Party, it is noted that this trend first came into evidence during the fall of 1942. At that time information was received by the Bureau from several sources that a number of persons who had theretofore maintained their relationship with the Communist Party on a clandestine basis, began to openly admit their affiliation with the Party. This trend was particularly evident among persons associated with the various trade unions. It would appear then that Mr. Winchell's suggestion that this situation has been a result primarily of the dissolution of the Comintern is not entirely correct inasmuch as the trend has been under development for more than six months. Concerning the statement that the American Communists contemplate changing the name of the Communist Party to the American People's Party, it is noted that the Bureau has previously received information concerning this alleged intention to effect a change in the name of the Party. However, to date, no verification for the fact that such a plan is actually being given active consideration or has been acted on has been received.

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## II. REGISTRATION ACT MATTERS

### A. John Eoghan ~~Kelly~~ matter.

Concerning this case Mr. Winchell commented as follows: "Washington. The most recent addition to the list of cases proved by the Department of Justice and your reporter is that of John Eoghan Kelly. He was found guilty by a Federal Court last week on charges of failing to register as an agent for Franco. Almost three years ago Franco-agent Kelly was spotlighted on the radio by this reporter and soon after Kelly's reserve commission was dropped by the Army. A few weeks ago he demanded a retraction which he didn't get. At the trial it was also revealed that his associates were several Americans but nothing up to this time has been done about it. Why is that?"

You will recall that Kelly was convicted on May 29, 1943, in Federal Court at Washington, D. C., for a violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. The evidence adduced at the trial was developed by the Bureau and established that Kelly had acted as an unregistered agent of the Spanish Library of Information, particularly in connection with speaking engagements and work performed for the magazine, "Spain." When Mr. Winchell remarked that the evidence brought out at the trial showed that Kelly had several associates in this work,

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## III. TREASON CASES

### A. Theodore ~~Donay~~ case.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Donay was not the first in American history to be convicted of misprision of treason as I said last week. Hedy Engemann was found guilty of it on December 2, 1942. She was one of the eight Nazi saboteur accomplices rounded up by the FBI last year."

This statement is factually correct. Hedy Engemann, the girl friend of Edward Kerling, one of the subjects in the Dasch case who was the leader of the Florida band of saboteurs, afforded Kerling certain assistance and as a result



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was prosecuted at New York for misprision of treason. This, of course, was prior to Donay's conviction at Detroit. Although Mr. Winchell commented that he had stated last week that the Donay case was not the first in American history involving misprision of treason, it is noted that during the course of his broadcast last week, Mr. Winchell actually made a comment to the effect that the Donay case did represent the first conviction for misprision of treason.

#### IV. DIVISION SIX MATTERS

##### A. Kidnapping (case involving Joe Snedeker and Harry Delettre).

Relative to this case Mr. Winchell stated as follows: "Atlantic City. The G-Men are searching for two kidnapers who, along with five other persons, escaped from the Army Air Corps Guardhouse on May 15. The ringleaders are named Joe Snedeker of Plainfield, New Jersey, and Harry Delettre of Savannah, Georgia. They allegedly kidnaped an Atlantic City clergyman, robbed, and beat him severely. They also staged several burglaries in Washington, D. C. Both men, according to the G-Men are desperate and armed. They are 20 and 22 years old. They are operating in the East."

It will be recalled that on the date indicated by Mr. Winchell, Snedeker and Delettre, together with five other individuals, all members of the Armed Forces, escaped the guardhouse at their base and in so doing kidnaped and robbed a clergyman. This individual was transported from New Jersey to Pennsylvania. All of the subjects except Snedeker and Delettre have been apprehended and complaints for kidnapping are outstanding against the subjects in New Jersey. Military authorities have already made appropriate waivers in favor of civil prosecution.

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##### B. War Frauds matters (Carnegie Steel Company case).

Mr. Winchell commented: "Washington. The Truman Committee, which is investigating the Carnegie Steel Company for allegedly cheating on the quality of steel, came across a shocking discovery. The House Naval Affairs Committee investigating the same steel company made the same charges in 1894. Newspapers interested are directed to Senator Wallgren who will confirm it. Senator Wallgren is right now on a train bound for Kansas City." KM

The Bureau has conducted a very extensive investigation in this case and indictments are presently outstanding at Pittsburgh charging certain members of this firm with war frauds violations. A detailed memorandum setting forth all pertinent developments to date in regard to the investigation and status of prosecutive action in this case is presently being prepared by Division Six for the Director.

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C. Theft from interstate shipment (case of Harry Clayton<sup>V</sup>Burton, Jr., et al).

Concerning this case Mr. Winchell commented as follows:  
"Washington. The FBI itself and the state and local police have uncovered a new racket along the East Coast. Over twenty-five persons have been arrested charged with buying or selling chickens being shipped in interstate commerce. Poultry firms have reported losses from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a week. The racket, it is alleged by G-Men, is worked by some truck drivers who, en route from markets, sold the stock to restaurants along the way. Many more arrests will be announced any hour."

This case has been under investigation by the Baltimore Office for more than three months and involves the theft and sale of chickens from poultry trucks engaged in transporting live chickens from the State of Delaware to outside markets, principally in Newark and New York City. Twenty-six subjects have been implicated to date, most of whom are drivers for eight poultry distributing firms in Delaware. These individuals, taking advantage of a certain shrinkage in poundage characteristic of live poultry shipments, have made it a practice to take a few chickens off of each truck and sell them along the way to wayside restaurants, eating stands, etc. This practice has been engaged in on a wide scale, it being estimated that the companies concerned have lost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 during the last eighteen months. Federal complaints charging the crime of theft from interstate shipment have been filed against eight of the subjects and the investigation is being continued with the purpose of bringing in more defendants. A number of the subjects against whom Federal complaints are not outstanding, have been taken into custody for larceny by the Delaware State Police, and it is contemplated that further investigation will implicate these individuals. The Delaware police have cooperated in a very satisfactory manner and the further investigation of the case is being given the closest of attention.

V. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

During his broadcast Mr. Winchell made the following comments concerning matters which appear to be of general interest to the Bureau:

"Lisbon. The Argentine revolution is really a revolution against Berlin influence in their Government. It means that the South American policy of the Germans collapsed at Tunisia. The Argentine uprising is only the beginning. Its repercussions will soon be echoed in Spain."

"Houston, Pennsylvania. Eight hundred men at the Midland Mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Company have voted not to return to work tomorrow."

"Asheville, North Carolina. All Federal Judges and Federal Attorneys from Washington South will convene at Asheville, North Carolina, on Wednesday next. The purpose is to use the teeth in the war statutes, especially against war frauds."

The Bureau is aware of the fact that a conference of United States Attorneys is to be held at Asheville, North Carolina, on the date indicated. It will be recalled that during his broadcast two weeks ago, May 23, 1943, Mr. Winchell mentioned this conference, stating that the Department of Justice would direct the United States Attorneys to prosecute war frauds cases as treason cases, subjecting convicted defendants to the punishment of death. The Bureau has not received any information that the Department intends to recommend or direct that war frauds violations be considered as treason violations subject to the same sentence.

Respectfully,

*J. P. Harratty*  
J. P. Harratty





Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

June 9, 1943

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: ALLEGATIONS PREVALENT AMONG MILITARY PERSONNEL CONCERNING WALTER WINCHELL

Attached are communications received by Mr. Walter Winchell from [redacted]

These communications were made available to the Bureau by Miss Rose Bigman, Mr. Winchell's Secretary, by letter dated May 14, 1943. In her letter of transmittal, Miss Bigman referred to the fact that rumors have apparently been prevalent at various Army camps concerning Mr. Winchell and various statements allegedly made by him during his broadcasts. These rumors have not been of a complimentary type, and in this connection it is pointed out that in the letter received from [redacted] mention is made of the fact that at North Camp Hood, Texas, a rumor was circulating to the effect that Mr. Winchell had stated that he would buy a \$1,000 Bond every day the war lasts after three months. [redacted] also advised that statements have been going around among Military personnel to the effect that Mr. Winchell, during one of his broadcasts, made a statement to the effect that the nearest thing to a Nazi concentration camp in this country is Camp Hood, Texas. In [redacted] letter further reference is made to one of Mr. Winchell's broadcasts.

In acknowledging Mr. Winchell's letter, he was advised that inasmuch as these matters (including certain other information pertaining to other rumors of a general type prevalent at Military camps, which instances have already been referred to G-2 by usual memorandum) appear to be of interest to the Military Intelligence Service, they would be discussed with appropriate representatives of that Service.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that the attached letters have to do with rumors among Military personnel concerning Mr. Winchell himself and his broadcasts, it is believed that these instances should be appropriately brought to the attention of MIS through the facilities of the Liaison Section. Accordingly, it is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Liaison Section for such handling.

Respectfully,

*F. L. Welch*  
F. L. Welch



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*Information concerning these rumors should be referred to the Liaison Section of the Military Intelligence Service.*  
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Miss Rose Bigman  
c/o Walter Winchell  
Daily Mirror  
235 E. 45th St.  
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To Anne

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Dear Rose:-

Well, here I am in the heart of something and if this something is Texas, I wish they'd make those songwriters quit writing about it and misleading the paying customers.

What I'm writing for is this. We're down here in this desert outhouse, 65 miles from the nearest sagebrush, with very little in the way of entertainment. Not a guy in our company has a radio. I was wondering if you'd ask Walter to run a line mentioning all contributions gratefully accepted, or words to that effect.

Incidentally, you know how many wild rumors there are floating around about Walter saying this or that. Well, here's the latest. The guys down here claim that Walter got on the air last week and said that the nearest thing to a Nazi concentration camp in this country is Camp Hood, Texas! How do you like that one!

I've been killing it off locally, but I just thought you'd like to know. Another one they still believe down here is that oldie about Walter having said he'd buy \$1,000 bond every day the war lasts after three months. That's another I've been trying to knock down--but without too much success. You might tell Walter to run another line about that. Too many of the soldiers down here fell for that one.

Give my love to Walter and my best, naturally, to you.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES ANTISUBMARINE COMMAND  
Public Relations Office  
90 Church Street  
New York, N. Y.

May 8, 1943.

Mr. Walter Winchell  
Jergens Lotion Program  
National Broadcasting Co.  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

The Public Relations Office of the Antisubmarine Command will appreciate receiving a transcript of your broadcast of March 14, 1943.

We have been informed by one of our overseas squadrons that the name of a Wing of this Command was mentioned in this broadcast. The Public Relations Office is interested in having your remarks for our records and possibly additional comment.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Starke	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

235 EAST 45th STREET  
MURRAY HILL 2-1000

May 14, 1943

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Inasmuch as the boss said to send the attached to you, I am sending along several other examples and an explanation.

As long as a year ago these rumors started coming to our desk. We've answered thousands of letters from every camp in the country, denying the rumor, etc., but as soon as a new contingent gets to a camp the rumors start popping again. We in the office are going slightly nutty waging a losing battle over this obviously enemy propaganda. The nearest we came to a clew was a letter which said Mr. Winchell had made a broadcast at five o'clock in the morning.

Can you give us any suggestions on this?

sincerely,

*Rose Sigman*  
for Walter Winchell

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May 2, 1943

Dear Mr. Winchell

I have been informed that in your broadcast of Sunday Apr. 25, 1943, you made a statement concerning the "Armored Divisions" in Africa. Please be good enough to furnish me with the text of that statement.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Winchell

May 7, 1943

I have been informed that in your broadcast of Sunday Apr. 25, 1943 you made a statement concerning the Armored Division in Africa. Please be good enough to furnish me with the text of that statement.

(ack to Winchell June 11, 1943)

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Adjutant General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the name of God, the wives of enlisted men, Officer's and all ask and beg of you to see what can be done to lighten the burdens of the soldiers at Camp Coxcomb, near Desert Center, California.

The men are being so badly mistreated in so many different ways that it all adds up to loosing this war, that must not happen.

A new order recently put out by an old sour-puss officer, forbidding "Any Wife of Any Soldier at Camp Coxcomb not be allowed to stop the soldier's car even on the public Highway passing by and through the above Camp."

NO MAN can or will be treated as a small boy. It is regrettable that their attitude (as expressed by hundreds of soldiers) feel if they are to be treated like Germans, why fight to maintain a free country.

The married men who disobey and ignore military rules are less than 2% while the single men run more than 40%.

God intended that man not live alone, then won't you please do what you can to make it possible for our husbands to visit us when not on duty the time that they are allowed off or their own?

Sincerely,

Hundreds of wives of men at ~~Camp~~ Camp Coxcomb

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Adjutant General,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In the name of God, the wives of soldiers and  
all ask and beg of you to see what can be done to lighten the burdens  
of the soldier at Camp Concord, near Desert Center, California.

The men are being so badly mistreated in so many different ways  
that it all adds up to losing this war, that I must not be proven.

A new order recently put out by an old war-pose officer, forbid-  
ding "Any wife of any soldier at Camp Concord not be allowed to stop  
the soldier's car even on the public Highway passing by and through the  
above Camp."

NO MAN can or will be treated as a small boy. It is regrettable  
that their attitude (as expressed by hundreds of soldiers) feel if they  
are to be treated like Germans, why fight to maintain a free country.

The married men who disobey and ignore military rules are less than  
5% while the single men run more than 95%.

God intended that man not live all one, then won't you please do what  
you can to make it possible for our husbands to visit us when not on duty  
the time that they are allowed off on their own?

Sincerely,

Hundreds of wives of men at Camp Concord.

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PLEASE FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Walter Winchell

The New York War Correspondent

New York City,

N.Y.

VIA AIR MAIL





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Mr. Walter Winchell  
The New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York, New York

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Dear Walter:

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 1943, with which you inclosed several communications received by you relative to rumors pertaining to conditions existent at military camps and also certain rumors which have been called to your attention concerning your broadcasts.

From an examination of these inclosures it appears that certain of these rumors emanated with military personnel. I am, therefore, having these matters discussed with representatives of the Military Intelligence Service. Those rumors which appear to have emanated from civilian sources will, of course, receive appropriate attention by this Bureau.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in calling these matters to my attention.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
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United States Department of Justice  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,  
June 13, 1943

The following comments concerning matters which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast this date:

I. SABOTAGE MATTERS.

- A. Press release concerning youthful defendants involved in sabotage cases.

Mr. Winchell stated in this regard: "New York. The FBI stated today that much of the wartime sabotage has been traced to youthful pranksters and that troops and ammunition trains over here were almost wrecked by them. The FBI story also said that of the 850 acts of sabotage investigated, not one involved enemy agents."

You will recall that a press release concerning this matter was prepared by the Bureau and cleared the Bureau last Friday, June 11, 1943. This press release was issued by the Department to the public today, and Mr. Winchell's comments follow the substance and details of the information set forth in the press release.

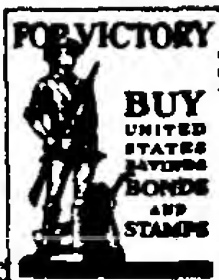
II. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

During his broadcast Mr. Winchell addressed himself to the following subjects which appear to be of general interest to the Bureau:

- A. Nomination of Mr. James McNally for United States Attorney, Southern District of New York.

Mr. Winchell stated: "The President will send the nomination of James McNally to the Senate on Tuesday next for United States Attorney in New York, succeeding Mr. Correa, who has joined the armed forces. McNally was professor of law at St. John's College in Brooklyn. The nomination is regarded as a complete endorsement by the President of Tammany leader Kennedy."

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You will recall that the Bureau has conducted a Departmental applicant investigation concerning Mr. McNally, in accordance with usual procedure.

B. Labor matters.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Organized labor is expected to make direct demands on the President tomorrow morning that he veto the bill to outlaw strikes. Intimates, however, of the President believe that he can't wait to sign it."

At another point in his broadcast Mr. Winchell, in referring to the recent coal strike, stated that production amounting to twelve million tons of coal was lost during the strike. In extending this comment, Mr. Winchell observed that wars are won by results and not by excuses, and in closing this portion of his broadcast called upon the "people who are bungling the coal situation to stop talking about their honor and start worrying about their shame." Previously, Mr. Winchell had stated that "all that matters is the mining of coal" and that "should Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ickes, and the War Labor Board resign tonight they wouldn't rate a paragraph in a history book."

C. Broadcast's new feature, "Inside Germany."

During this broadcast, Mr. Winchell announced a new feature referred to by him as "Inside Germany." In prefacing his remarks concerning this new feature, Mr. Winchell stated that during each broadcast certain comments will be made under the caption "Inside Germany" which will show the German Propaganda Minister that the underground movement can bring factual information out of Germany. Following this, Mr. Winchell stated that it has been learned that the birthrate is declining to a very serious extent in Germany and that the life of the ordinary German is becoming increasingly onerous due to the increased stringency of rationing and compulsory labor. According to Mr. Winchell, all trials in Germany except those absolutely essential to the war effort have been suspended. He then commented that it has been learned that one Carl Jenkins, an official of the General Motors Company, (apparently stationed in Germany) has been sentenced to a five-year term in a concentration camp because of his refusal to cooperate with the Germans in their productional efforts.

This new feature, "Inside Germany", as described by Mr. Winchell is to be a regular part of his broadcast and is to feature for the most part, factual information concerning the German home front secured through "underground methods." Several times the German Propaganda Minister was referred to with the impression that this information is coming out of Germany despite the latter's efforts.



D. Colonel Robert R. McCormick.

Mr. Winchell commented: "Chicago. Last week Congressman Allen of Illinois took a poll of the House members to find out how they felt about various Republican possibilities for the Presidency. The poll, as released, revealed Mr. Dewey of New York leading, with Willkie in fourth place, Willkie with only thirteen votes. Colonel McCormick, the Chicago publisher, requested Congressman Allen to conduct that poll because the Bricker campaign was fading and the boom for McArthur failed to develop. A private toll taken a few days earlier revealed that of the 59 new Republican Congressmen, 35 were for Mr. Willkie."

*winchell* You will recall that during his broadcast of May 30, 1943, Mr. ~~Willkie~~ mentioned Mr. McCormick, stating that the latter would soon enter the Presidential race. At that time Mr. Winchell further observed that definite efforts had been made to establish McCormick For President Clubs throughout the Midwest.

Respectfully,

*J. P. Hanratty*  
J. P. Hanratty

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Walter Winchell

Mr. Hoover. As long as Walter Winchell...  
is permitted to blast off each Sunday  
nite as he did last Sunday. Riots &  
will continue and worse. They should  
brand him trouble maker #1. and if  
the man on the street, hears the rebound  
from these wild fantastic broadcasts -  
put him off the air for duration at  
least as he is another John D. Lewis.  
Who is he? to ride Senate, Congress  
and everyone up to FDR, but he lays  
off the President, if he likes to see  
riots and fights put him in the front line  
trenches - 50,000 Pittsburghers.

John D. Lewis

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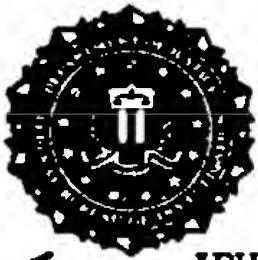
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

June 20, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,  
June 20, 1943

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The following comments concerning matters which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast this date:

I. SEDITIOUS CASES

A. Organization known as "United Sons of America", Detroit, Michigan.

Concerning this organization Mr. Winchell stated as follows: "Detroit, Michigan. In the very heart of America's arsenal there is an organization with a very lily white name, the title, The United Sons of America. Now that sounds very Yankee Doodle doesn't it? It claims, incidentally, to be merely a social club. Well, the United Sons of America is more than it appears to be. It is composed of former members of the Ku Klux Klan who organized this outfit after the Detroit Klan was dissolved. How do I know this? Because Charlie Spare has admitted it. Who is Charlie Spare? Charlie is the former leader of the Ku Klux Klan in the very patriotic State of Michigan."

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This organization has been in existence since December, 1942, and has been under investigation by the Detroit Office since January of the current year. It has about thirty-five members consisting for the most part of workmen at the Cadillac Motor Company in Detroit. The principal leaders of the group are known to be one Harvey Hansen and Charles Spare, mentioned by Mr. Winchell, both of whom have been prominent for a considerable period of time in Ku Klux Klan activity in the Detroit area. In addition to Spare and Hansen, other members of the organization are known to have been associated with the Ku Klux Klan and the group, as a whole, reportedly has much of the Klan's tendencies. However, in contrast to the statement made by Mr. Winchell, it appears that the group was formed as a result of dissension between Klan leaders rather than as a result of the Klan's dissolution. The leaders of the group claim that the organization is active on a nationwide scale, but as a matter of fact, it appears that its influence is rather small and that it has no national affiliations or consequences. The members have held four or five meetings



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since January and for the most part have restricted their activity to endeavors to secure new members. According to its self-announced purposes, the organization is "100% American", is actively behind the prosecution of the war, and is devoted to directing efforts against Communism and other asserted subversive influences. However, the members of the organization openly admit dislike of Jews, Catholics and negroes and appear to follow practically the same line as the Ku Klux Klan. The members are apparently active to a limited extent in labor matters and claim to have defeated certain Communist union candidates in a recent election at the Cadillac Plant.

The activities of this organization have been closely followed since January of this year and will continue to receive such attention in the future. However, despite the suggestions apparent from the background of the leaders of the organization and its trends, it does not appear that it has, to date, engaged in any activities constituting a violation of Federal statutes. In the event future investigation develops any data indicating a possible violation, the information developed will, of course, be referred to the Criminal Division of the Department.

## II DIVISION SIX MATTERS

### A. Impersonation case involving Bernard Frederick Champagne.

Relative to this case Mr. Winchell commented as follows: "New York, Frederick Champagne, who has also used the name Bernard Champagne, has been indicted in San Francisco and New York on Federal charges. He is 37, and described by G-men as victimizing women, especially widows. Anyone having knowledge of him, Frederick Champagne, is requested to contact the nearest FBI."

In addition to the indictments mentioned by Mr. Winchell, Champagne is also under indictment at Salt Lake City and a complaint has been filed against him at Cleveland, Ohio. All of these indictments, as well as the complaint, involve alleged violations of the Impersonation Statutes. This individual has been active as an impersonator and con man for more than two years, and at various times, has posed as an officer of the Army or Navy, a secret service agent or a Bureau agent. As indicated by Mr. Winchell, his modus operandus frequently follows the line of victimizing women with his fraudulent claims, usually such to the financial detriment of the women. An identification order was issued on Champagne during the past week and a very active fugitive investigation looking to his apprehension is in progress.

III. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

During his broadcast, Mr. Winchell addressed himself to the following subjects which appear to be of general interest to the Bureau:

A. Nomination of Mr. James McNally for United States Attorney, Southern District of New York.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The New York State Bar Judiciary Committee has notified the Senate of its disapproval of Professor James McNally as Federal Attorney of New York. McNally's nomination was offered by the President earlier this week."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell mentioned McNally during his broadcast last week, observing that Mr. McNally's nomination for United States Attorney to succeed Mr. Correa at New York would be sent to the Senate on Tuesday, June 15, 1943. The Bureau has conducted a Departmental applicant investigation concerning Mr. McNally in accordance with usual procedure and, of course, all of the information developed during the course of the investigation has been referred to the Department. Although nothing of a personal derogatory nature was developed during the investigation, it is of interest to note that during the inquiry the New York Office was advised by a member of the New York State Bar Judiciary Committee that that organization contemplated interposing a strenuous objection to McNally's appointment. McNally is being sponsored by Tammany forces and it would appear that the New York State Bar Judiciary Committee's objection may be based on this sponsorship.

B. Coal strike situation.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington.. The third soft coal strike in 90 days starts three hours from now. About 70,000 miners are already out..."

C. Developments affecting Selective Service.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. ...Incidentally the chances that fathers will be drafted is rapidly diminishing. Fathers are not likely to be drafted if Russia holds this summer."

Respectfully,

*J. P. Hanratty*  
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July 4, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,  
July 4, 1943

The following comments concerning matters which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast this date.

I. CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

A. Detroit Race Riot

With reference to this matter Mr. Winchell stated as follows:  
"Detroit, Michigan. United States Assistant Attorney General Edward Rhetts, has reported directly to Attorney General Biddle on the Federal aspect of the rioting in Detroit, Michigan. Law and order will enjoy the last laugh."

You will recall that week before last the Attorney General orally advised Mr. E. A. Tamm that he thought it would be appropriate for the Department to have a representative go to Detroit to act as an observer in connection with the various deliberations and inquiries as to the race riot, its causes, ramifications, etc. The Attorney General indicated that he would delegate Mr. Rhetts for this assignment and at the time stated that he was not desirous of having an investigation conducted concerning the riot by the Bureau. According to the Attorney General, Mr. Rhetts' capacity was to be primarily that of a representative of the Federal Government, who being on the scene would be in a position to represent the Department of Justice's interests and receive pertinent data made available by State, local, and other sources.

II. GERMAN MATTERS

A. Statement Concerning German Officer, Linseff (phonetic), Chief of the Berlin Concentration Camp

Mr. Winchell stated:

"Herr Goebbels, will you kindly deliver this message? Will you, Herr Goebbels please tell State Policeman Linseff (phonetic), the Chief of the Berlin Concentration Camp, that both London and Washington, D. C. have as thick a file on him as he keeps on the Führer. Herr Linseff will be able to read that file and very soon - the day he goes on trial for his life. COPIES DESTROYED

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No record can be found in the Bureau's files concerning this individual under the spelling, "Linseff". Available directories concerning German officials do not reflect a listing under this name but it is entirely possible, of course, that this person's position is not of sufficient importance comparatively to justify his listing in publications enumerating German governmental officials. These comments were undoubtedly made in way of anticipation of the fact that after the war those Nazi party members and governmental officials who have been responsible for atrocities will be held responsible for their misdeeds.

### III. DIVISION SIX MATTERS.

#### A. Murder case Involving One ~~Max~~ Hatnoff (phonetic) et al, Victims

Concerning this matter which appears to be of possible or at least potential interest to the Bureau, Mr. Winchell stated as follows: "Laramie, Wyoming. Police have arrested a suspect in the brutal slayings of three Wyoming people. A statewide man hunt resulted in one arrest. A woman companion of one of the victims identified the man as the murderer of a person named Max Hatnoff (phonetic). She was severely beaten by them."

The Bureau's files fail to reflect the receipt of any information concerning this case and it would appear that to date at least, it has been investigated as a State case.

### IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

During the broadcast Mr. Winchell addressed himself to the following subjects which appear to be of general interest to the Bureau:

#### A. Statement Concerning Mr. James Rowe's Possible Candidacy for United States Senator

Mr. Winchell commented:

"Helena, Montana. James B. ~~Rowe~~, the Assistant to the Attorney General and formerly on the President's personal staff, will be backed for United States Senator from the State of Montana. He will be heavily supported by liberals and labor."

#### B. Statement Concerning Gerald L. ~~Smith~~, Fritz ~~Kuhn~~, Max ~~Stephan~~, William Dudley ~~Kelley~~, and John L. ~~Lewis~~.

During a portion of his broadcast, Mr. Winchell lauded the fine work and progress which is being made by our military forces and industrial facilities in connection with the prosecution of the war. He drew a number of analogies to famous and historic incidents in American history and compared our progress and military victories of today with the achievements of our predecessors at Valley Forge, Bunker Hill, etc. His comments in this regard were appropriate

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of the date, July 4, but in closing Mr. Winchell gave expression to the following sentence which was cast in such a way as to represent a contrast to the praiseworthy and heroic efforts of our Armed Forces and industrial facilities in prosecuting the war:

"Eisenhower and MacArthur are succeeding without the help of Gerald L. K. Smith, Fritz Kuhn, Max Stephan, William Dudley Pelley and John L. Lewis, who could do no less."

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The Smith case is being conducted at the present time as a Sedition investigation and is receiving very active investigative attention. Kuhn, former leader of the German-American Bund, was convicted several years ago by the New York State authorities for embezzlement and on his release about two weeks ago was arrested on a presidential warrant as a dangerous enemy alien. He had previously been denaturalized and of course will be interned for the duration of the war. Stephan has been convicted for a treason violation in connection with the Peter Arug incident and of course William Dudley Pelley, the founder of the infamous Silver Shirts, was convicted during July, 1942, at Indianapolis for violation of the Sedition statutes. He was sentenced to a term of fifteen years in prison.

Respectfully,

J. P. Hanratty  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,  
June 27, 1943.

The following comments concerning matters which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast this date:

I. CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

A. Detroit Race Riot

Concerning this matter, Mr. Winchell made the following comments: "For years, since 1938, this reporter has submitted evidence to all the Federal law enforcement departments, the various Congressional Committees investigating un-American activities and to the members of Congress. Evidence that rabble-rousers in different parts of the nation were inciting to riot and inflaming the mob mind. Now it seems none of the county, state or even Federal agencies need that evidence anymore. They got it - they got it, ladies and gentlemen, with thirty bodies on the streets of Detroit. Over thirty men who had the same right as you to live here in happiness, many of whom paid with their lives for believing in American law and order. Is it any wonder that Americans can be killed in the streets when flags under which Americans once fought can be trampled on publicly, as Gerald L. K. Smith of Detroit recently did at Buffalo? Is it any wonder that mobs roam the streets in collective crime, knowing that even investigators pass the buck, as well as the bodies? Do you think the cowards in these mobs are worried about the consequences when they know that rabble-rouser Gerald Smith's Detroit publication has had the support of several United States Senators and Congressmen? Yes, Governor Kelly, of Michigan, and, you, Mayor Jeffries, of Detroit, there is evidence if the thirty dead men on your streets can accuse no particular person, they certainly do accuse every official. What the country needs are some criminal trials, or better still, impeachments, especially among the men who make and break their own laws."

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At the very end of his broadcast, Mr. Winchell stated that he was leaving the air with the expression of the following "ironical thought":

"Many of our soldiers who thought they were going to Berlin, Tokyo or Rome, wound up in Detroit."

According to information received by the Bureau, the recent race riot at Detroit originated with a fist fight engaged in between a negro and a white man at a public park. This incident, surrounded by the general explosive tenor of the racial situation in Detroit, together with a number of spontaneous and repeated occurrences of this type, resulted in mass fighting between whites and negroes, general milling about and mob violence.

Certain segments of the public press, notably the newspapers "P.M." and the "Daily Worker," as well as other special interests, like the Communist Party, have during the past week sought to represent the riot as being the result of subversive influences, naming in this connection the Ku Klux Klan, Gerald L. K. Smith and other "nationalists," or perhaps German or even Japanese inspired influences. Despite these allegations, no concrete or definite information whatsoever has been received to indicate that this riot has resulted from any foreign agitation or subversive influences of the type mentioned. On June 24th last, Governor Kelly of Michigan appointed a fact-finding committee including representatives from the state and local governments to examine the causes of the riot. This committee has since reported to the Governor that on the basis of its inquiries no data whatsoever has been developed to show that the riot was fomented or sponsored by foreign or foreign inspired elements. The various members of this committee through their personnel are continuing their inquiries and the Mayor of Detroit has also appointed a similar committee; however, it is understood that to date the Mayor's committee has not made any report.

All of the facts in connection with this riot have been promptly furnished to the Attorney General and to date the Attorney General has not requested that an investigation of the situation be instituted by the Bureau, and, of course, no investigation has been undertaken. In this connection, it is noted, however, that information has been received from several sources indicating that certain groups of the type mentioned above have either requested or intend to request the Attorney General to cause a thorough and extensive investigation of the riot to be carried out.

With reference to the statements about Gerald L. K. Smith, you will, of course, recall that this individual is the subject of a sedition investigation and has been investigated by the Bureau since the early part of 1942. A technical surveillance has been in progress in this case since May, 1942, and since last summer the case has been given continuous and

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exhaustive attention. During the past several months, Smith has been active as a public speaker in connection with an attempt to form a third political party known as the America First Party from the remnants of the America First Committee, and in connection with his work of this type he has continued to publish his magazine "The Cross and the Flag." Copies of all of Smith's publications have been referred to Mr. Rowe, and all of his public speeches have been appropriately covered and reported on. Mr. Rowe has indicated that Smith's activities to date are not sufficient to constitute a violation of any Federal statute.

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Concerning the statement that Smith recently trampled a flag once used by the United States, it is known to the Bureau that frequently Smith, during the course of his public addresses when talking about the subject of "world union" or a possible coalition of British and American Governments, produces a flag which according to Smith represents the proposed "world flag" to be used by those individuals who would like to see a world government. On these occasions, Smith, after addressing a few derogatory remarks concerning the idea of "world union" casts the flag on the floor, expectorates on it, and frequently sets it ablaze. This is a part of Smith's regular routine and is apparently done to dramatize his distaste for world government. The flags used by Smith are makeshifts representing a combination of the American and British flag. According to the American Legion in Buffalo, during Smith's address in that city, the flag he used for this purpose was actually a replica of the flag of St. George, a flag once used by George Washington and the

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Continental Army. Data concerning Smith's "flag defiling" antics have been made available to Mr. Rowe, but it would appear doubtful whether these would amount to any violation inasmuch as it is not contrary to Federal law to desecrate the flag outside of the District of Columbia. Another point involved, of course, is the fact that the flag defiled by Smith at Buffalo was not an American flag. During the recent conference with Mr. McInerney, he indicated that the Criminal Division was not inclined to look with any seriousness, that is, in the way of possible prosecution, on these flag defiling incidents.

It is noted that the first sentence of Mr. Winchell's comments in this regard, stated that he has been furnishing information to law enforcement officials concerning rabble-rousers since 1938. In this connection, Mr. Winchell was apparently referring to data he has furnished concerning Gerald B. Winrod, Charles B. Hudson, Mrs. Elisabeth Dilling and the various other individuals currently under indictment in the District of Columbia for seditious conspiracy in the case usually referred to as "United States vs. Gerald B. Winrod, et al." In connection with the Smith case, it is noted that prior to a year ago, Mr. Winchell furnished relatively little data concerning Smith. During the past year, he has on four or five occasions made available routine information concerning Smith which he has received from certain of his correspondents.

Concerning the reference to the United States Senators and Congressmen who have allegedly supported Smith's publication, it is known that Smith has frequently stated that he is a good friend of Senator Reynolds. On several occasions he has written to Senator Reynolds and several times has contacted him telephonically. It is also known that in his publication, Smith has frequently mentioned Senators Nye and Wheeler, as well as Congressman Hoffman. He has generally taken the stand that these individuals, both prior and subsequent to the war, have correctly analyzed the international situation and appreciate America's individual and "nationalistic" interests. Nothing is known to indicate that these legislators, or any other Congressmen or Senators, have contributed materially or financially to Smith.

B. Conference of United States Attorneys to be held at Philadelphia on June 29, 1943.

Concerning this conference Mr. Winchell stated:  
"Washington. United States Attorney General Biddle has ordered all Eastern Federal Attorneys to report to Philadelphia on Tuesday next. Victor Rotnem, of the Department of Justice's Civil Liberties Division, will outline the new program for the protection of civil rights, regardless of race or color. It's about time."



The Bureau is aware of the fact that this conference will be held, and, as you will recall, the Bureau will be represented at the conference by Mr. H. H. Clegg. However, the Bureau has not received any information suggesting that the conference will be devoted principally or exclusively to civil rights problems, as might be gathered from Mr. Winchell's statements.

C. Labor Disturbance

Mr. Winchell stated:

"Brooklyn, New York. Three shop chairmen of the CIO local were ordered discharged for going on strike today against working with a negro. Chairman George Link of the coke industry also recommended that these three men be thrown out of the union which repudiated them as being un-American."

This incident is, of course, not one in which the Bureau is directly interested, but it is mentioned inasmuch as it was included in Mr. Winchell's general comments concerning civil rights matters and apparently was an extension of his remarks concerning the Detroit race riot as set forth above.

II. DIVISION 6 MATTERS

A. Investigations Concerning Illegal Wearing of the Uniform.

Concerning this matter Mr. Winchell remarked as follows:

"Ladies and gentlemen, be on the lookout for frauds in uniform. Not all gold braid and brass buttons are legitimate. In the last eleven months alone, Mr. Hoover tells me that the FBI has arrested and convicted 413 persons who were illegally wearing American uniforms."

Mr. Winchell's data in this regard are based on a press release recently prepared by Division 6 which cleared the Bureau last week. The 413 convictions mentioned by Mr. Winchell represent the number of convictions realized in cases of this type during the first eleven months of the current fiscal year.

III. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

During the broadcast, Mr. Winchell addressed himself to the following subjects which appear to be of general interest to the Bureau:

A. The Smith-Connally Act.

Mr. Winchell stated:

"The Smith-Connally Act will be fully enforced by the Department of Justice. Under the Constitution the new law cannot apply to any acts prior to its passage Friday night last."

You will recall that approximately ten days ago a memorandum was addressed to the Attorney General seeking advice as to the nature of the Bureau's investigative responsibility, if any, in connection with the Smith-Connally Act, which, of course, at that time had not yet become a law. This memorandum has not, as yet, been answered.

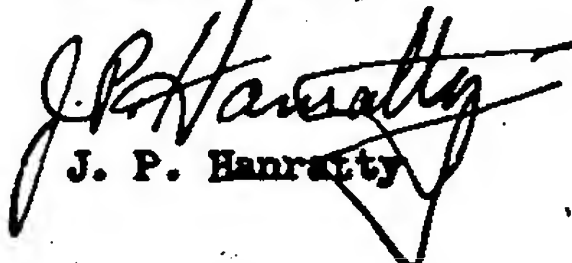
B. Comments concerning state of Italian Government and possibility of Mussolini's family seeking refuge in Argentina.

Mr. Winchell stated that much to the dismay of censors and secret police in Italy, information has seeped out of the country to the effect that several days ago the Government determined some of the largest industrialists in Italy have sold all their Government bonds and have placed their funds in common stock. Mr. Winchell characterized this as selling Eisenhower long and Mussolini short, and further stated that it is a well known fact that the King of Italy, as well as members of Mussolini's family, has liquidated funds in Italian securities and placed his money in foreign lands. Mr. Winchell further stated it has been learned that Mussolini has made arrangements for his daughter Edda and her children to escape, if necessary, to Argentina, where his son-in-law, Count Ciano, has already "sent most of his stolen money."

C. Extension of network carrying Mr. Winchell's broadcast.

Mr. Winchell observed that beginning shortly, 151 radio stations will feature his weekly broadcast. He commented that presently 116 stations carry his broadcast. He further commented that he contemplates taking a vacation during the last four weeks of August and indicated that he would not make broadcasts during that period.

Respectfully,

  
J. P. Hanratty

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is the same thing I wrote to you  
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sincerely,

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"SPARKY PARKEY AND HIS LIGHTNING BUG. THE MOST OVERWORKED AND UNDERPAID UNIT IN THE U. S. A."

WALTER WINCHELL

*Paul*  
*What is this??*  
*Tell Hoover this way*  
*Perchance to something about*  
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To: Assistant Chief of Staff  
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Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: LETTERHEAD CONCERNING 78th DIVISION  
CAMP BUTNER, NORTH CAROLINA

For your information and whatever action you deem advisable, there are attached photostatic copies of a letterhead recently referred to this Bureau by Mr. Walter Winchell of the New York Mirror, 235 East 45th Street, New York, New York.

In bringing this matter to the attention of this Bureau, Mr. Winchell indicated that this letterhead was possibly not in approved form and may be used for an ulterior purpose.

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New York,  
June 24th, 1943

Walter Winchell,  
Daily Mirror,  
New York, N.Y.

To Hoover  
Who? You John?

D. of Mr. Winchell:

Don't admit that you fell down on one of the best stories of the year, or isn't it supposed to be known that America's outstanding spy-catcher who is directly responsible for the apprehension of more of our subversive enemies than any ten others put together is just now recuperating from a knife wound which just missed the heart, and, you guessed it, outside the line of duty...seems he tried protecting a little lady's honor and zip....

Sign my name? Nuts, if you didn't know about it maybe there are only a few of us who did and who wants to get in the bad graces of a guy like that?

Walter Winchell  
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From Walter Finchell.

Notation reads:

To Hoover.  
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so colour I can't feel  
a knife.*

*Walter Finchell*

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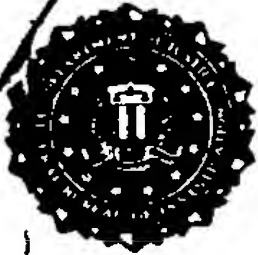
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Broadcast: 9:00 p.m.  
Dictated: 11:00 p.m.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Holloman
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,  
July 18, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during his broadcast on this date.

I. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL AWARDED DIRECTOR

Mr. Winchell stated the United States Senate and the House of Representatives have authorized the President to present a medal to John Edgar Hoover.

II. TREASON CASES

A. German

Mr. Winchell stated: "The American traitor Robert Best, former Baltimore newspaperman, now in Berlin, has thrown his hat into the American Presidential race for 1944. His opposition is another American, now broadcasting via short wave from Germany. His name is Joe Scanlon, believed to be as phony as himself. Both traitors appealed to listeners over here to elect them to the White House. They apparently disregard the same aspirations of certain Americans who serve Hitler over here."

Robert Best is one of eight United States citizens whose broadcasting from Germany and Italy has been investigated by the Bureau, the results of which will be presented to a Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., on July 21, 1943. It is believed that the evidence may be sufficient to justify the Grand Jury's returning Treason indictments against these persons. Best, who was born in South Carolina, is a minister's son. He went to Germany as a newspaper reporter. He ran for President in 1940, electioneering via the short wave radio in the same manner mentioned above.

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FOR DEFENSE



Joe Scanlon is the radio announcer over the station "Debunk," which purports to be a clandestine station operating in the United States. Actually it has been proved by the Federal Communications Commission to be operating in Germany. The voice of Joe Scanlon, broadcasting over

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station "Debunk," has not been definitely identified though it is believed he may be one of the persons against whom evidence will be presented to the Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., on July 21, 1943.

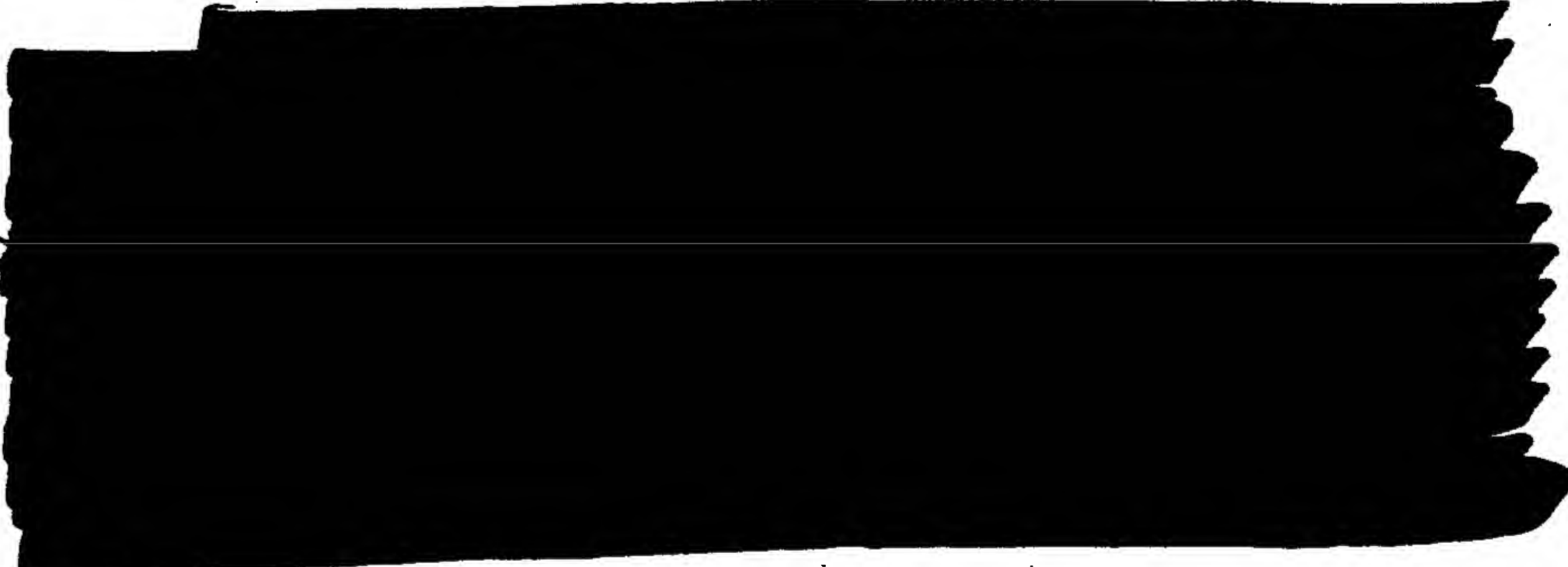
B. Japanese

Mr. Winchell stated: "Tokyo--The State Department has finally ascertained the identity of the American traitor who has been broadcasting over the Tokyo radio to the United States and Latin America. Her name is Mrs. Henry Topping, the wife of a missionary ... The missionary Topping has been in Japan for the last forty years. Mrs. Topping is known to be an extreme Pacifist. She refused the chance to return to the United States. Japan is welcome to her."

We do not have a case on this woman as we did not know her identity or that she was a United States citizen. The Bureau was aware that someone was broadcasting in this fashion, but because we did not know the citizenship of the person involved, there did not seem to be any basis for conducting an investigation. As you know, the Bureau does have four or five cases on other persons of United States citizenship broadcasting from Japan.

III. JAPANESE PROPAGANDA AGENTS

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York City--The editor of a New York newspaper recently indicted on charges of being in the pay of the Japanese Government will soon have company. Several more similar indictments will startle the nation, all against certain members of the press. Their publishers for some reason which eludes me will not be involved."





IV. TRAIN WRECK

Mr. Winchell mentioned that several persons were injured and seven cars of a train on the ~~X~~ Boston and Maine Railroad were derailed near Nashua, New Hampshire.

The Boston Field Division has advised that the train wreck was caused by spreading rails and that there was no indication of sabotage. The engine and baggage car passed the spot where the accident occurred without derailment, but the following seven coaches rolled off the track. Chief Maxham of the Boston and Maine Railroad Police advised the Boston Office there was no indication of sabotage. The accident occurred at 2:45 p.m. and about twenty-five to thirty persons were injured, all of whom were taken to nearby hospitals. No one was killed.

V. DETROIT RACE RIOT

A. ~~X~~ George Miller

Mr. Winchell made reference to a picture which appeared in the newspapers showing a Negro being escorted by two policemen, which showed ~~X~~ Negro, being struck by a hoodlum. He stated the Negro's assailant was identified as George Miller, 31, of Detroit, who has been sentenced to serve three months in jail as a consequence of this assault.

No investigation of this matter was conducted by the Bureau as it appeared to be wholly a local matter.

B. ~~X~~ Claude Williams vs. Gerald L. ~~X~~ K. Smith

Reference was made to Reverend Claude Williams, who, according to Mr. Winchell, has been investigating conditions in war plants in Detroit for over a year on behalf of the Presbyterian Board of Missions. He stated Williams made a report indicating that intolerance has been preached in Detroit and that Gerald L. K. Smith is one of the "rabble rousers" responsible. According to Mr. Winchell, the Dies Committee has been requested to investigate Reverend Williams, the request having been made by Smith. Mr. Winchell pointed out that Gerald L. K. Smith's publication was one of those named in the Sedition conspiracy indictment returned in Washington, D. C., last year and commented very sarcastically that nothing is being done about Smith.

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You know, we have conducted an extensive and thorough investigation of Gerald L. K. Smith and his "Committee of One Million." As a result of a technical surveillance we do know that Smith asked Senator Reynolds to get in touch with the Dies Committee and to have an investigation of the race riot conducted by Dies. Our investigation of Smith has enabled us to keep in close touch with his activities. We have informants who are very close to him, yet no information has been received indicating he was in any way responsible for the Detroit riot. All facts which have been developed in connection with this matter and all of the other of Smith's activities have been furnished to the Criminal Division. Recently Supervisor James Hanratty conferred with Mr. James McInerney, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, at which time an opinion was rendered that no evidence has been developed indicating that he has violated any Federal statute.

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VI. GEORGE SYLVESTER ~~VIERECK~~

The closing item on the broadcast was a statement by Mr. Winchell that he was the first to expose George Sylvester Viereck, who is now facing a possible twelve years' sentence. He commented that the country would be safer if persons "in the same boat" with Viereck were in the same jail.

Viereck was found guilty on Friday, July 16, 1943, after a trial lasting three weeks which took place in the Federal Court in the District of Columbia. There were six counts in the indictment against Viereck and he can be sentenced, under the District's Indeterminate Sentence Law, to serve from four to twelve years. The date of his sentencing has not been set, though it is expected this will be done in the near future.

VII. MAYOR LAGUARDIA

Mr. Winchell stated that Mayor ~~La~~ Guardia is inspecting defenses in the Northwest, and that this is a forerunner of LaGuardia's next job which will be one in the United States Army, in uniform.

Respectfully,

*Grant Stetter*  
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